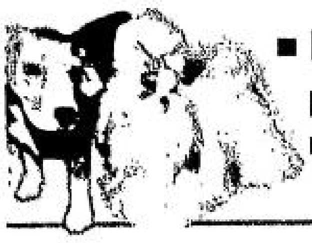

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By Blanche S. Rivera

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Lawmakers are not only second-guessing, they are psychoanalyzing the actions of the Presi-

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GMA told: No talk, no tax

Saguisag urges tax revolt while Gloria remains silent on tape

By Fe Zamora and Philip C. Tubeza

NO TALK, no tax.

This was the subtle warning aired yesterday by former Sen. Rene Saguisag in the course of adding his voice to calls for President Macapagal-Arroyo to speak out on the controversial tape purportedly indicating that fraud had marked the 2004 presidential election.

Saguisag, a human rights lawyer who fought Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship and who now counsels ousted President Joseph Estrada, said Ms Arroyo was "but a public servant who cannot choose when to answer a legitimate question from a very concerned citizenry.

"We, the sovereign people, have a right to know from our servant," Saguisag said in a statement.

"If she wishes to answer when the time is proper, then we, the sovereign people, should also be allowed to pay taxes when we deem it proper," he said.

A similar warning was issued by Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casiño, who said his party-list group and other militant organizations were preparing for other forms of civil disobedience, like a tax boycott or a general strike (*welgang bayan*).

"We are preparing for the worst," he said.

Casiño said the President's silence and the moves by her allies in the House to terminate the investigation on the tape showed that the country's political institutions had failed to resolve the scandal.

"Malacañang is silent. Congress will stop its investigation. There is no case in the courts. What else is left for the people to do? They will take matters into their own hands," he said.

But according to Casiño, there is a way out of the mounting political crisis: "The ball is in the President's hands. She can

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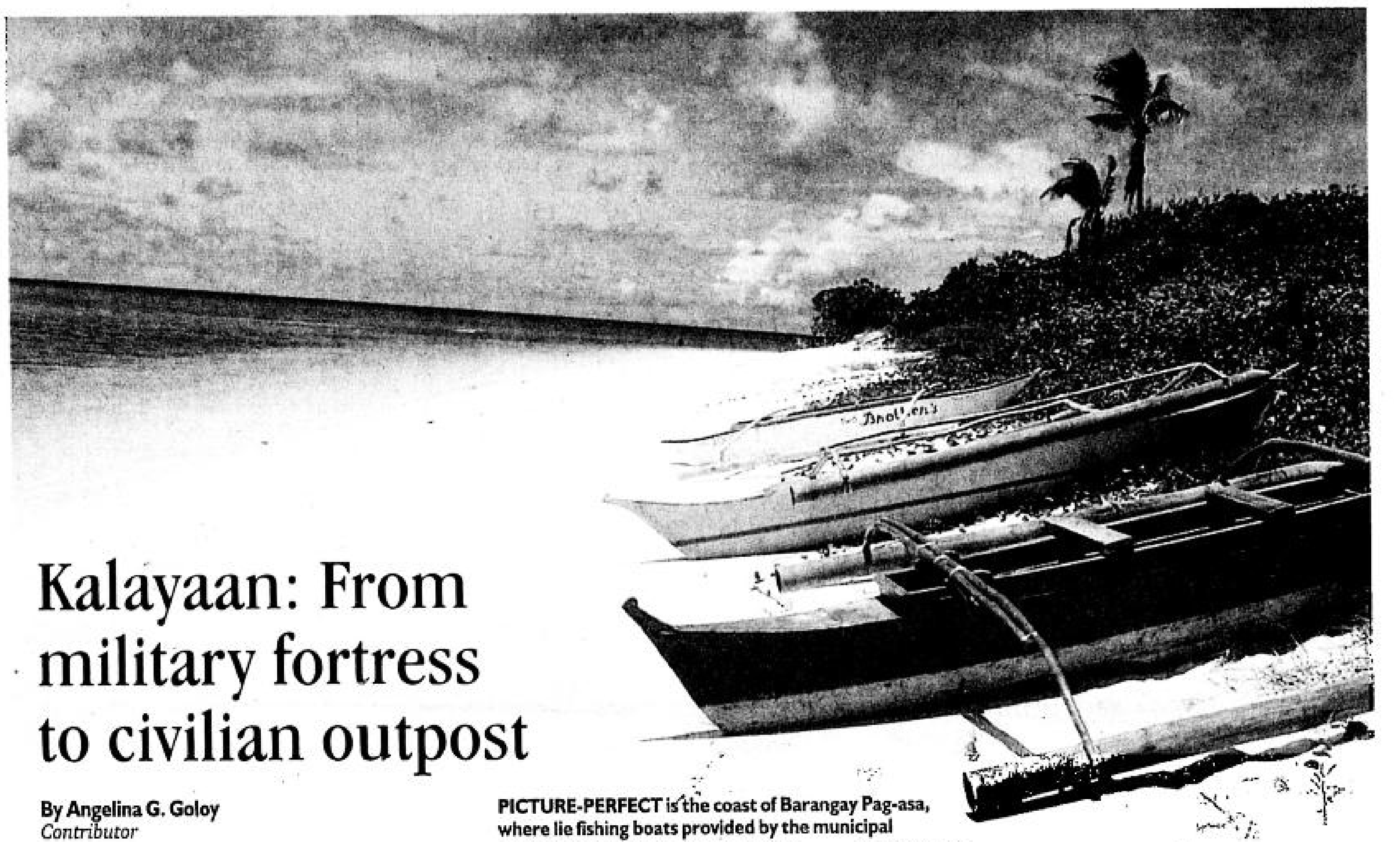

PICTURE-PERFECT is the coast of Barangay Pag-asa, where lie fishing boats provided by the municipal government for the residents' needs. ANGELINA G. GOLOY

Kalayaan: From military fortress to civilian outpost

By Angelina G. Goloy
Contributor

KALAYAAN ISLANDS—"Positib!" is a favorite expression in these parts. Filipino for "positive," it's derived from the military idiom meaning a good situation, or friendly forces.

It well describes the mood in the Philippines' remotest municipality, although Mayor Rosendo Mantes would probably prefer a term with a civilian ring to it. On his initiative, the town is gradually changing its image from a military outpost to a civilian community, with potential in commercial fishing and tourism.

Mantes believes that the "effective occupation by civilian population" of the area will drive development and eliminate the antagonism toward it. Consequently, Kalayaan will cease to be a flashpoint.

He began the town's "makeover" in September 2002, shipping a group of civilian settlers, with provisions, 535 km from Puerto Princesa in Palawan to the 37.2-hectare Barangay Pag-asa, the largest of the seven islets and one reef making up Kalayaan town.

Three years later, civilians outnumber the Army, Navy and Air Force personnel living here. The population is now 356, of whom 70 percent are civilians, Kagawad Joel Besa reported during our group's visit to the town last week.

The trip was arranged by Smart Communications Inc., which opened its cell site on Pag-asa two weeks ago.

Modern communication is "a big boost" to not only the town's attractiveness as a business and tourist spot but also to the security around the islands, Mantes said.

He is going full speed ahead with plans to develop

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GMA hosts reunion of ex-hostages

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THREE Filipinos of diverse backgrounds—an accountant, a junior diplomat and a truck driver—but bounded by a unique experience met for the first time in Malacañang yesterday for a Thanksgiving Mass sponsored by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Robert Tarongoy, Angelito Nayan and Angelo de la Cruz—who all got a new lease on life after being freed from their Middle Eastern abductors—were gathered by the President at the Malacañang ceremonial hall for a 3 p.m. Mass.

After the Mass, Tarongoy, who was recently freed after enduring nearly eight months in a dark basement in Iraq, listened closely to advice from Angelo de la Cruz, who was also held captive by Iraqi rebels for two weeks last year.

"I just told him to get over the experience quickly by getting it out his mind," said De la Cruz in Filipino.

De la Cruz said he had recovered from his ordeal and now works as a driver for a rock loader in Pampanga. "I sleep well at night. I don't have bad dreams anymore. But I know my experience will come back to me again, like when I heard news of Tarongoy's rescue from Iraq. This is something you'll remember for the rest of your life."

Nayan, who was kidnapped along with two other United Nations volunteers in Afghanistan for nearly a month last year, looked well-scrubbed and gave no trace of his near-death experience. "I don't have anymore flashbacks," he said.

"This is our first time to be together in one room and I'm really happy for him (Tarongoy)," said Nayan, who is working at the Department of Foreign Affairs as a foreign services officer for American affairs.

Nayan, who hinted that he might go back to the Middle East but not soon, said his first advice to Tarongoy was to "keep his faith in God,"

Tarongoy said that "from the start, I believed that God won't let me down. I also knew a lot of people were praying for me."

Tarongoy, who wore a cap and loose shirt and slacks, met the public for the first time without his sunglasses but his eyes were still red and appeared hazy. Still, aside from a slight limp, he was able to walk around the ceremonial hall to meet well-wishers, government officials, and the President who was in no mood to be interviewed by media.

According to Philippine embassy officials, who picked up Tarongoy after he was dumped by his captors, his physical condition had visibly improved since his release when all his muscles felt soft and he refused to stop talking in his native dialect (Visaya).

"I'll have to relax and regain my strength," Tarongoy said in Filipino. "I took off my glasses because my eyes have adjusted to the light."

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said Tarongoy had his

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THREE freed hostages—(from left) Roberto Tarongoy, Angelo de la Cruz and Angelito Nayan—join President Macapagal-Arroyo at yesterday's Thanksgiving Mass in Malacañang. Tarongoy and De la Cruz were abducted in Iraq while Nayan was held by Afghan militants. PCPO/MALACAÑANG PHOTO

Though mum's the word, Raul Gonzalez will testify

By Armand N. Nocum

MUM is the word.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez is apparently taking his cue on the raging tape controversy from his boss, President Macapagal-Arroyo, as he prepares to face the House panels investigating the so-called "Gloria-gate" scandal.

Gonzalez said there were now so many versions of the tape—in which the President and former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano were recorded allegedly talking about rigging the 2004 elections—that he understood why the President has refrained from commenting on the issue.

"She (Ms Arroyo) cannot speak on something she does not know, whether these tapes are original or whether they were spliced," he said in a telephone interview yesterday.

For the same reason, Gonzalez said that he as justice secretary would not be able to give his legal opinion on the issue when he appears at the resumption of the House hearings on Wednesday.

Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano earlier said that the appearance of Gonzalez could move forward the House investigation which has been mired in endless debates on legal procedures and constitutional questions.

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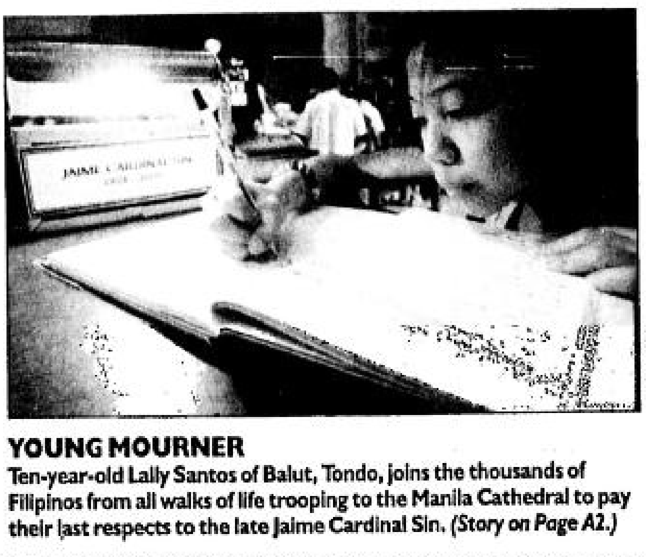

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YOUNG MOURNER

Ten-year-old Lally Santos of Balut, Tondo, joins the thousands of Filipinos from all walks of life trooping to the Manila Cathedral to pay their last respects to the late Jaime Cardinal Sin. ***(Story on Page A2.)***

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central and Southern Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with rainshowers and thunderstorms. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Suspected Abu abductor of priest, teachers falls

ZAMBOANGA CITY — Troops captured on Saturday another alleged member of the Abu Sayyaf who had been accused of taking part in the kidnapping of some teachers and a Roman Catholic priest 11 years ago, the military reported.

Hajan Maldam was arrested during a raid on his hideout near this city, military spokesperson Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual said.

He was positively identified by two ex-hostages who were among 16 teachers the Abu Sayyaf seized in Basilan along with Catholic priest Fr. Cirilio Nacorda in 1994, Pascual said.

"The Abu Sayyaf man is now undergoing military interrogation. He is one of those behind the kidnapping of the priest and the teachers more than 11 years ago in Basilan," Pascual said.

Several Abu Sayyaf gunmen have been killed or captured in recent weeks in the military's continuing crackdown in the southern Philippines. On Thursday, an Abu Sayyaf guerrilla was killed in a clash in Jolo.

In 2001, Abu Sayyaf rebels with three American hostages and 17 Filipino captives again took over Nacorda's parish in Basilan's Lamitan town in a hostage crisis that lasted months.

Two of the American hostages were later killed, with one of them, Guillermo Sobero, brutally beheaded. The rest of the hostages were rescued or freed in exchange for ransom.

The US state department has included the Abu Sayyaf in its list of foreign terrorist organizations.

Security analysts in the region have recently cited growing links between the group and the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the Southeast Asian arm of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

The group is currently on the run from continuing military offensives in the southern Philippines, where small numbers of US troops are assisting Filipino soldiers in intelligence gathering and with equipment.

Abu Sayyaf guerrillas snatched Nacorda while he was traveling in Lantawan town, a known rebel stronghold on Basilan island. The guerrillas flagged down two vehicles, separated the passengers by religion and massacred about 15 Christians. They fled with Nacorda and several women hostages who they freed a few days later after their families paid ransom.

Nacorda, who the militants freed after two months following negotiations, said he was tortured. The rebels frequently hit him with rifle butts and fists, or pointed guns at his face. One rebel used him as a target while hurling a knife into a wooden wall, with the blade always missing him by less than a foot, he said.

In Manila, the six Abu Sayyaf members who were recently sentenced to death for the abduction and beheading of several victims in Lamitan nearly four years ago arrived Friday night and were taken to the New Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City where they would serve their sentence.

The convicted ASG members were Ibrahim Bowak, alias Ibba; Muddas Sabinal, alias Abu Muddas; Abdullah Uwa, Daud Indaling, Jimmy Theng and Janital Bolhnet Wahid.

A seventh member, Etang Awal, was sentenced in absentia and is now the subject of a manhunt, the PAF said in a press statement.

Ten male captives were beheaded and 34 women and children were taken hostage by the ASG, including those now convicted, on Aug. 2, 2001, during an attack on Sitio Campo Tres in Barangay Balobo in Lamitan. *Nikko Dizon; AP; AFP*

Cops, military lower alert status after protest march fizzles

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Frank Cimatu, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

THE MILITARY and police downgraded their alert status yesterday after a major protest action seeking the ouster of President Macapagal-Arroyo planned for Saturday was called off by its organizers .

Troops were placed on "white alert status effective noon Saturday as directed by higher headquarters," the Armed Forces National Capital Region Command (NCRCom) said yesterday.

White alert means the security situation has normalized and troops could return to barracks and take leaves of absence.

The Philippine National Police likewise lowered its nationwide full alert status to heightened alert status.

"This means that 50 percent of the police [force] can go on leave while [the remaining] 50 percent would have to go to work," PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao told reporters in Baguio City on Saturday.

The downgrading of the alert status came a day after more than 5,000 protesters comprising a broad political spectrum gathered at the boundary of Quezon City and Manila to demand the resignation of the President, who has been accused of stealing last year's election over the late opposition standard-bearer Fernando Poe Jr.

But riot police, backed by troops, blocked the protesters and prevented them from proceeding to Liwasang Bonifacio in Manila.

The leader of Saturday's planned march, Gen. Fortunato Abat (ret.), did not fully explain why the protest did not go ahead. He was quoted in local press reports as saying the cancellation was in deference to the ongoing wake of Roman Catholic Cardinal Jaime Sin, who died last week.

On Thursday, the military and police were placed on highest alert in anticipation of protest actions by militant groups and FPJ supporters on Friday.

The military cited a threat to the "internal security situation brought about by the planned antigovernment mass actions and mobilization" during the weekend.

The PNP declared a nationwide full alert on Wednesday. Lomibao, however, said he expected protest rallies organized by various opposition groups to be held after Sin's burial on Tuesday.

"If the situation warrants, we can always raise the alert," he said. *With an AFP report*

4 oil firms hike prices anew

By Abigail L. Ho

HERE'S more news for motorists.

A week after raising their pump prices, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Caltex Philippines Inc., Total (Philippines) Corp. and Eastern Petroleum Corp. yesterday increased the prices of their gasoline, diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos per liter.

The four oil firms cited the escalating prices of oil in the world market as the reason for the price adjustment.

First to implement the price increase was Caltex at 6 a.m. yesterday, followed at noon by Shell and Total. Eastern raised its pump prices at 6 a.m. today. As of press time, other oil firms, including refiner Petron Corp., had yet to announce their price adjustments.

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have risen 11 times or a total of P5.85 per liter, while diesel fuel prices have gone up 12 times or a total of P6.05 per liter.

The regional benchmark Dubai crude surged to a historic high of $52.74 a barrel last week, pushing the June 1-23 average to $50.45 a barrel, more than $5 higher than the May average of $45.40 a barrel.

Unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products soared to an average of $58.91 a barrel in the first 23 days of June, up by more than $4 from the $54.46-a-barrel average posted last month.

MOPS-based diesel likewise surged to an average of $71.05 a barrel in the June 1-23 period, close to $9 higher than the May average of $62.74 a barrel.

Oil prices are expected to climb even higher next week when the 10-percent value-added tax (VAT) is slapped on petroleum products for the first time on July 1.

Energy Undersecretary Peter Anthony Abaya, however, said oil firms should not raise prices again before the VAT is implemented.

"The recent world price increases are being matched by local pump price hikes, thus the latest 50-centavo increase. If they stay at present levels or soften in the next few days, the local increases should, at the very least, stop. The adjustments are enough. In simpler terms, no more until July 1," he told the INQUIRER.

Iggy no 'sacred cow'

MALACAÑANG yesterday said the tax probe of President Macapagal-Arroyo's brother-in-law showed there were no "sacred cows" in her administration.

"The President is consistent with her stand that there are no sacred cows in her administration. The full brunt of the law will be enforced whoever gets hurt," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye in a statement.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is investigating Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo for allegedly owing P140 million in back taxes over the past seven years.

Arroyo allegedly paid only P15,000 a year in taxes since 1998.

Based on its initial investigation, the BIR said Arroyo had assets of P286 million, excluding the controversial "Jose Pidal" account (the dummy account allegedly owned by First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo) worth P300 million and two buildings in San Francisco (that were allegedly owned by the First Couple). *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

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Sin funeral to mimic Pope's on smaller scale

By Jerome Aning

THE FUNERAL rites for Manila Archbishop Emeritus Jaime Cardinal Sin would be like that for the late Pope John Paul II's, albeit on a smaller scale.

The Manila Archdiocese is preparing a mix of state and religious ceremony for the cardinal as a final tribute to one of the country's most influential persons.

The late cardinal will be given a state burial at the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros on Tuesday. The interment ceremony will start at 9 a.m., according to preliminary details released by the Manila Archdiocese and Sin's private secretary, Fr. Rufino "Jun" Sescon.

Sin's casket will be taken out of the cathedral and placed on a carriage to be paraded around Plaza Roma in front of the cathedral so the people could have their last glimpse of the cardinal.

Before the coffin is brought back into the cathedral, President Macapagal-Arroyo or the highest ranking government official present would hand over the Philippine flag draping the casket to either Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales or Sin's next of kin.

The casket will then be brought into the cathedral, after which a concelebrated Mass by the country's top Roman Catholic Church prelates will begin.

Foreign prelates and representatives of various dioceses in the Philippines are expected to attend the funeral rites.

Sescon said four cardinals from abroad who were close friends of Sin would attend the rites: Archbishop Julius Darmaatmadja SJ of Jakarta, Indonesia; Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, California; Archbishop Emeritus Stephen Kim of Seoul, South Korea, and Bishop Paul Shan Kuo-hsi SJ of Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

He said they had yet to receive word on who the Vatican would send to the funeral.

Sin's remains will be entombed in the cathedral's crypt, located beneath the right side of the main altar.

Only immediate members of Sin's family, close friends and a few ranking Church officials would be allowed to enter the crypt to witness the burial as the area can only hold 50 people.

After the final commendation, Sin's assistants at his Villa San Miguel home in Mandaluyong City will lower his casket into the concrete tomb.

The crypt contains the tombs of three former Manila archbishops – Michael O'Doherty, Gabriel Reyes and Rufino Santos. Sin, as he requested, would be laid beside Santos.

From the Sin family, expected to attend are the cardinal's sisters Ceferina and Mary and his brothers Ramon and Manuel.

Sescon said a time capsule, containing a summary of Sin's life and some news articles about his death would also be placed in the tomb, as will Sin's rosary, a miraculous medal, a book of the Gospels and possibly the late cardinal's staff.

DOLE addresses 'hidden hunger'

By Jerome Aning

LABOR Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas yesterday said nutrition would be integrated into her department's family welfare program (FWP) to address "hidden hunger" or malnutrition with the end goal of making Filipino workers more competitive in the global market.

Sto. Tomas said there was a need for social partners, particularly labor and management groups, to support the government food fortification program to make workers more productive and competent.

"This will help concretize our vision of developing a healthy and more productive workforce," she said.

The Department of Labor and Employment's FWP, assisted by the United States Agency for International Development, supports Philippine companies in giving welfare services to their workers.

A 2003 survey showed that more than half of Filipino infants aged six months to one year were anemic. The same survey showed that more than a third of Filipino children aged one to six years suffered from vitamin A deficiency disorder.

This indicated an alarming level in hidden hunger that could be attributed not only to poverty but also to a poor diet, Sto. Tomas said. A poor diet means that children have enough to eat, but they're not eating the right kind of food.

She said the problem of hidden hunger could be addressed by informing the public about the government's food fortification program which educates consumers on food products that had been fortified with essential nutrients.

"Our goal of making Filipino workers more competitive in the face of globalization will never be achieved unless the malnutrition of children is addressed," Sto. Tomas said.

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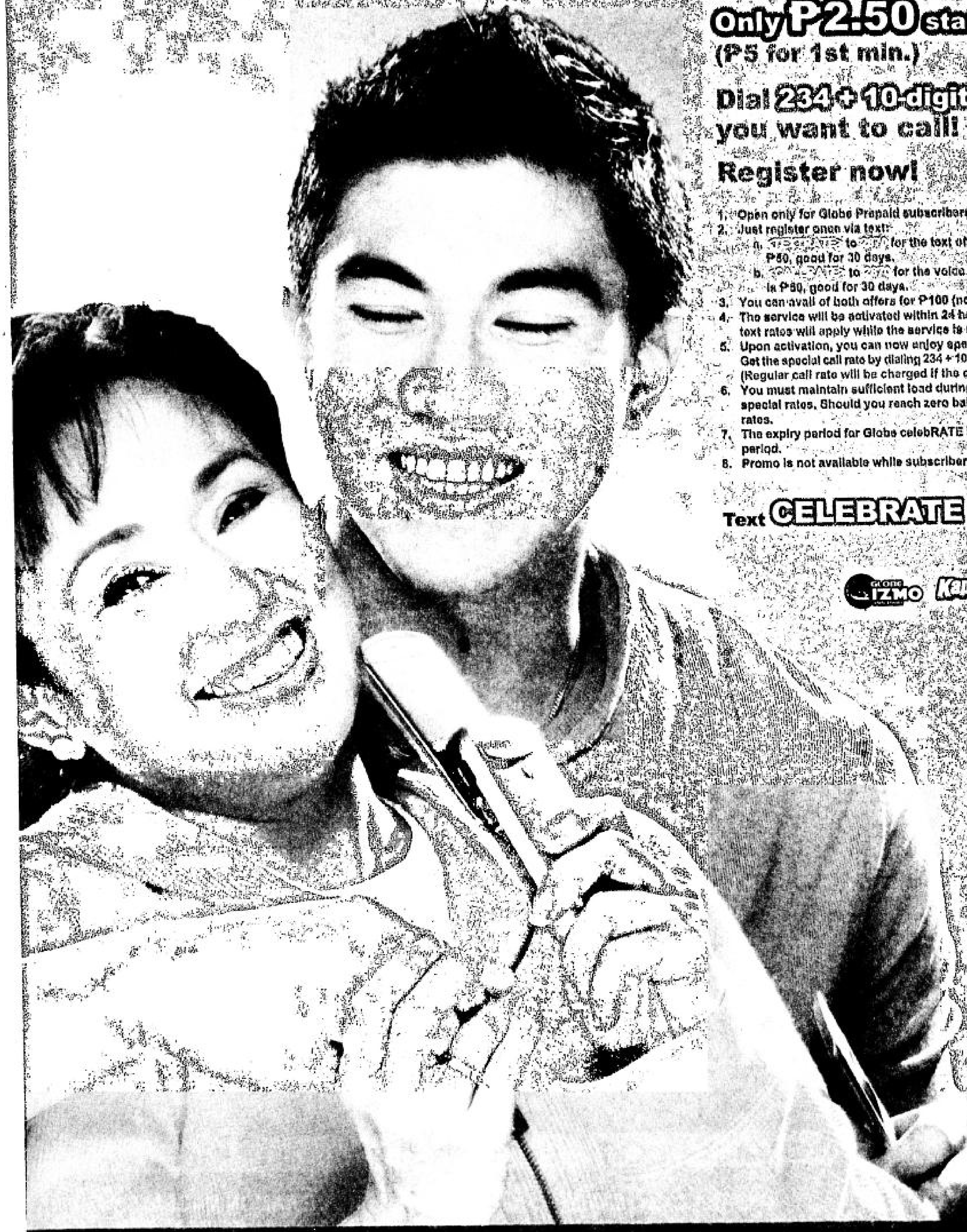

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GMA told: No talk, no tax

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make this simple and easy by stepping down. It is the mark of a true leader to accept the consequences of one's actions."

'Peaceful' protest

Saguisag, a founder of the Mabini group of human rights lawyers, told the INQUIRER that the President "is an employee of the people."

As such, "she cannot decide [on her own] when to cook rice when her employer orders her to cook rice," he said.

He said a tax boycott was a "peaceful" protest, which he himself had started.

"I did not pay taxes this month," he said, adding that he was ready to face the consequences of his action.

Anti-Marcos activists, including Saguisag, launched a tax boycott as a form of civil disobedience in the martial law years.

In 1986, protesting the cheating in that year's snap election, then presidential candidate Corazon Aquino also called for a boycott of the goods and services of companies owned by Marcos cronies.

Marcos was toppled shortly afterward, even before the tax boycott could fully materialize.

Saguisag said the public was awaiting a simple statement from Ms Arroyo that she had never spoken with then Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano about rigging the 2004 polls, and an admission that it would be "wrong to do so."

"She needs a vacation, a permanent one, and then we can resume the payment of taxes," he said.

'Legitimate'

Casiño said a tax boycott would be a "perfectly legitimate action."

"If the people realize that the administration is not legitimate, why would they fulfill their civil obligations to the government?" he said.

If a tax boycott indeed comes to pass, Ms Arroyo will have "no one to blame but herself because she failed in her duty to tell us the truth," he said, adding:

"Stonewalling will eventually lead to more direct political action by the people."

Casiño also said it would be "too late" if the President talks about the scandal during her State of the Nation Address, scheduled on July 25, because "the people would have made up their minds by then."

Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino said the President's silence on the tape was contributing to the economy's downturn.

"One of the causes of the economy being hurt is the uncertainty caused by her silence. While she has blamed destabilizers, I think it is the other way around," Aquino said.

"Her silence is causing our instability. The longer she remains quiet, the more the possibility of civil disobedience," he said.

'Pathetic'

Saguisag bristled at Ms Arroyo's statement on Friday comparing herself with former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., who was assassinated while disembarking from a plane on Aug. 21, 1983.

"Her self-serving declaration that she is like Ninoy was pathetic. *Talaga pong walang delicadeza* (She has no sense of propriety)," he said.

"*Nakakapangilabot po* (Her statement gives me goose bumps)," Saguisag said, pointing out that he could recall nothing that Ms Arroyo and her father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, did "during the dark years" to help Ninoy.

According to Saguisag, President Macapagal signed the 1973 Constitution, hoped to become prime minister in the National Assembly, and "buttered up to the dictator."

"When he thought Marcos would have him arrested, he sought refuge in the American Embassy. The legislature honored Ninoy. [Ms Arroyo], solely on her own, named an airport and a boulevard after her father. She could not wait for Congress to do so," Saguisag said.

"Ninoy did not cheat to win and could not have been taped cheating," he added.

In a talk with reporters on Friday after the conferment of the Benigno Aquino Jr. Award for Nationalism in Malacañang, Ms Arroyo said that like the man for whom the award was named, she was a victim of assassination in the form of character assassination.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday also expressed disgust at Ms Arroyo's statement.

Speaking in his program over dzXL radio, Pimentel said: "President Arroyo is under fire for betraying public trust and abusing her power in the wake of widespread 'jueteng' abetted by her administration and the taped conversations showing she manipulated the 2004 presidential election. On the other hand, Ninoy Aquino was assassinated for his heroic efforts to dismantle a dictatorial regime and restore democracy in the country." ***With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana***

GMA hosts reunion of ex-hostages

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"best sleep" last night in an out-of-town resort.

But Sto. Tomas said that while everybody felt relieved about his release, the government remained firm in its warning against labor deployment to Iraq.

"Our only wish is that we won't go back and that nobody would do anything to add to the number of Filipinos in Iraq. In all these instances, we had invested our blood, sweat and tears for their release. Every OFW is like family to us," Sto. Tomas said.

The warning has fallen on deaf ears. The 5,000 Filipinos in the various military camps in Iraq have turned down the government offer of a one-way ticket to the Philippines.

"They do not want to go back," Sto. Tomas said.

She also denied that the government paid ransom for Tarongoy's release. "There was definitely nothing from us. Ask his employer. If we (the government) had wanted to pay ransom, we should have done it much earlier. If we paid ransom, they might get another Filipino. If we paid ransom, we will put everybody back there in danger."

Is it ADHD or cancer? Opposition 'docs' differ

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dent—from the alleged female voice on the Gloria-Garci tape to "a kid who stole someone's candy" to "a terminally ill cancer patient."

Agusan del Sur Rep. Rodolfo Plaza said after observing the body language of President Macapagal-Arroyo during her speeches and tours across the country that it was his considered opinion that she is guilty.

Citing his experience with his child who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Plaza said the restlessness and nervousness manifested by Ms Arroyo were similar to the actions of a guilty person.

"I've been reading psychology by Dr. [Ma. Lourdes] Carandang. Her (Ms Arroyo's) actions [indicate] she is nervous and restless. Her body language is typical of a guilty person," Plaza said during a forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City yesterday.

He said the President was becoming increasingly insecure, trying to rally support in places where she supposedly had a large margin over her opponents in last year's presidential race.

"She is seeking reaffirmation from her supporters, like a child who took somebody else's candy and now wants others to tell her it was really hers," Plaza said.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel had a different "diagnosis" for Ms Arroyo's actions.

"The President is sleepwalking," he said.

"She's in denial. Like a cancer patient who refuses to see her state until the inevitable comes... This is symptomatic of all presidents who are on the verge of being eased out," he said.

The President has refused to comment on the taped conversation between a man, purportedly former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano and herself, discussing how to get a margin of one million votes over the next candidate in the May 2004 elections.

"She has lost all pretensions of being able to govern, and that shows she is afraid of her own shadow. She has become isolated from the nation she wants to govern," Pimentel said.

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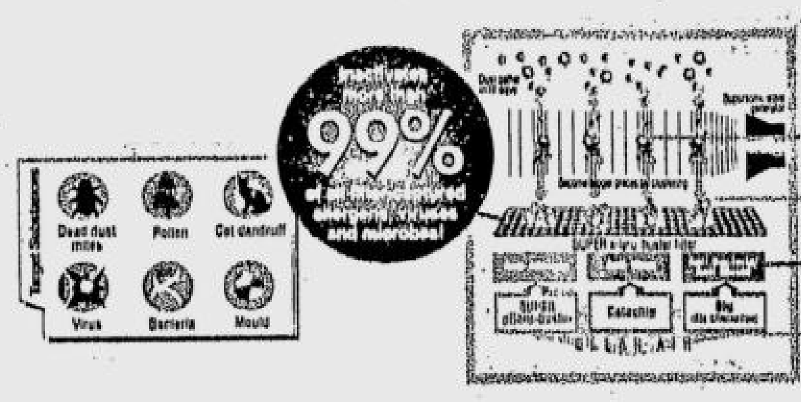
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Massacre at ABS-CBN: 35 news persons axed

By Alcuin Papa

TELEVISION network giant ABS-CBN has shed a record number of newsroom jobs, giving 35 reporters and editors their walking papers on Friday in the form of early retirement packages.

Among the familiar faces now gone are reporters Pia Hontiveros, Carmelita "Twinkle" Valdez, Josie Sison, Gene and Rowena Orejana, Erwin Tulfo and Connie Sison.

Also out are producers Patrick Paez, Anna Marie Fudaranan and Ira Panganiban, and deskmen Joey Falcon, Jun del Rosario and Joel Gaborni.

The biggest casualty was Jake Maderazo, the vice president for news.

"They were all gone in 60 seconds," a source in the newsroom said of the layoffs, which are to take effect immediately, referring to a popular movie.

In a statement, the network said the early retirement packages were part of its "cost-cutting measures."

It assured the affected employees that "everything to be done will be in consultation with them (employees)."

With the axing of the 35 staff members came new changes in the newsroom, starting with the return of a former senior reporter, Charrie Villa, who will now head news operations. Villa resigned just the other day as Manila bureau chief of Reuters TV.

Former CNN Jakarta bureau chief Maria Ressa, who was initially hired as a consultant, has now consolidated her hold on the ABS-CBN newsroom as senior vice president for news.

Ressa will supervise Villa and Luchi Cruz-Valdez, the head of news production. She also brought in two of her former CNN technical staff.

A second statement from the company said Ressa was brought in as part of a reorganization "to strengthen the position of ABS-CBN as the most credible and respected in the field of news and current affairs, guided by world-class values, principles and operating standards."

"Ressa is expected to bring her vast international broadcast experience to ABS-CBN's news organization and thus will raise news broadcasting to higher levels of excellence," the statement said.

Industry sources said the reason for the retrenchment was merely corporate survival, "just trimming the fat to survive."

ABS-CBN's revenues and ratings have been dipping since 2003. The network registered a revenue loss for the first time this year.

"We are all scared and shocked. We don't know if there will be a second tranche [of layoffs] so we don't know who is next. Really, no one is indispensable," said a newsroom employee.

Sources said some of those laid off would get "hefty" retirement packages of three months' pay for every year served. Most of them have been with the network for more than 15 years.

But their retirement contracts contained a clause stipulating that they cannot work for an "indirect or direct competitor," which means any media outlet, for one year.

Kalayaan: From military fortress to civilian outpost

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the town, taking his case to the interior, defense and tourism departments, and all the way to Malacañang—especially after Air Bonanza approached him on the possibility of flying in day tourists.

Now Mantes is in a quandary: Should he build Kalayaan as a model "self-sufficient town with enough livelihood opportunities," or should he explore the potential of this white-sand-beach barangay as "an ecotourism destination like Amanpulo?"

It's a problem that titillates more than troubles him. In fact, he has begun to draft a proposal to the interior and defense departments on the "joint military-civilian use" of Pag-asa.

Progress

In the meantime, the civilian occupation he started in 2002 is progressing.

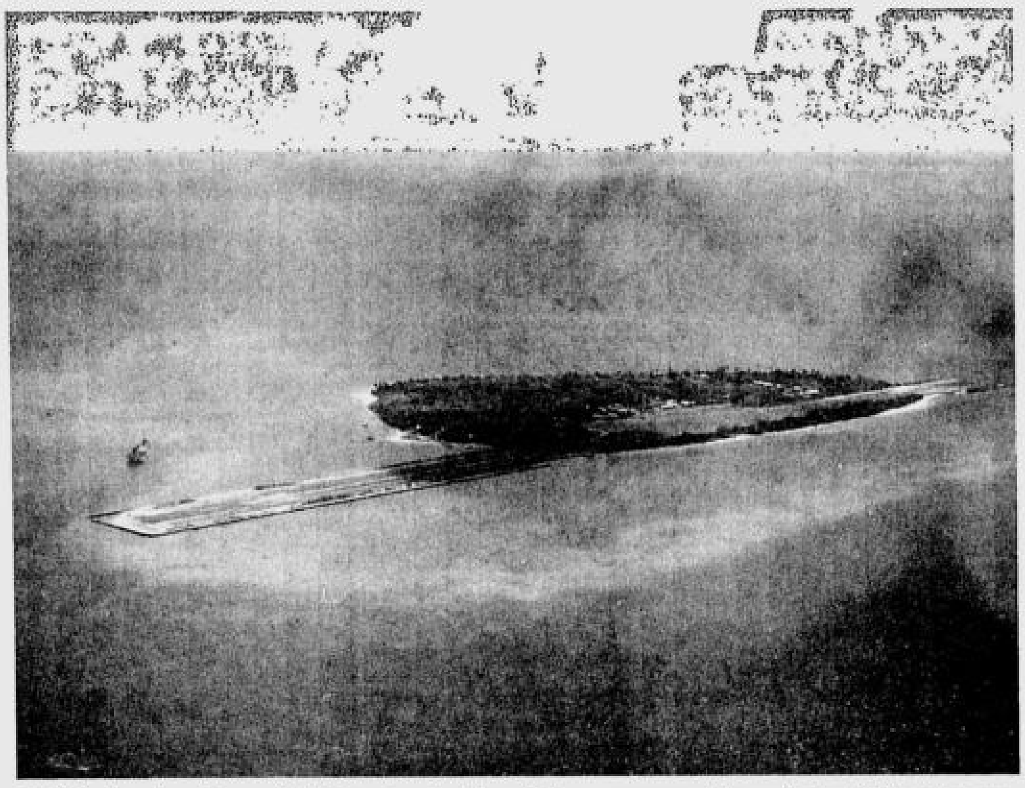
Besa said the residents had just about everything they need, with the municipal government continuing to provide rice, cooking oil, canned goods, condiments, fishing boats for their food needs—even three TV sets with cable.

In addition, these wonders have been installed: A deep well, a water filtration plant, a piggery, goat and poultry farm, a vegetable farm, septic tanks in the homes, and a diesel-fed generator that supplies electricity in the afternoons and evenings.

A solar power plant is being built and, in a few weeks, Fordeon Seafoods, a Manila-based commercial fishing company, will start operations. (The islands' prize catch is *suno*, a special variety of *lapu-lapu* that fetches a whopping P1,000-P1,600 a kilo in Puerto Princesa.)

A cooperative that opened on the day the settlers landed in 2002 is "doing well," Mantes said in an interview at his extension office in Puerto Princesa City.

Goods come from the capital as well, and residents are allowed to pay in kind, such as in *daing* (dried fish), which the municipal government in turn sells in the capital at a profit.



AERIAL shot shows Pag-asa's 1,260-meter airstrip, which can accommodate small aircraft. Its waters are ideal for scuba diving, its officials say proudly. ANGELINA G. GOLOY

"Civilian settlement has been successful, despite difficulties in transportation," Mantes said.

But not all families stay put on the island, especially those with school-age children, because there is no school on Pag-asa.

Shifts

Mantes has arranged shifts among his *kagawad*, office staff and their families.

"Contingents" take turns living on Pag-asa every two months, which is how often a Navy vessel sails to the islets and drops anchor at Pag-asa.

The trip takes anywhere from three to five days, depending on sea and weather conditions.

"We'll continue doing this until residents get used to living on Pag-asa and others are encouraged to do the same, especially when livelihood opportunities become available," Mantes said.

According to municipal assessor Allan Erinos, the island isn't wanting in families willing to join the shifts, but the mayor screens volunteers carefully to make sure they are after long-term settlement.

"Some of them may just be after the free provisions," he confided.

Untouched land

Among the "successful settlers" are Ricardo Natural, caretaker of the piggery, and his wife Leah, the municipal agriculturist, whom Mantes has instructed to research on what crops can grow on Pag-asa.

"This was untouched land when we arrived in 2002," Leah said. "Now we have *kalabasa*, sweet pepper, tomatoes, *upo*, *patola*, *sitaw*, papaya, *pechay*, *mustasa* and *sili*."

"I had no idea what it was like here, but somehow we have come to like it here," she said in Filipino. She fondly recalled that they spent their first New Year's Day here "walking around the entire island, picking seashells."

Leah has been to Puerto Princesa only twice since then, to deliver her babies.

Pag-asa has a health center with modest first-aid supplies, manned by health officer Marcelo Salvador, who doubles as caretaker of the Smart cell site tower together with radio man Jobert Caniña

In case of emergency, residents send an SOS on radio, which used to be the only means of communication.

Now there's a cell site, which, according to Smart engineer Roger Flores, was set up mainly in response to requests from local military and civilian officials.

"We're covering the country from end to end with our GSM network and, as much as possible, everything in between. The more remote the area, the more keenly is the need for communication felt by the people there," said Smart public affairs head Ramon Isberto.

"Kalayaan Island is just a pocket market. But it shows what this business is all about—keeping people in touch with the people that matter to them," he said.

Pastime

And in touch Kalayaan folk have been with family and friends since the signal was activated on the eve of Independence Day.

"The favorite pastime on Pag-asa now is texting song requests and dedications to 'Ate May,' a popular radio program in Palawan," said Flores, who picked up a new skill—fishing—during the two weeks he was stationed here to work on the cell site.

Kalayaan became a municipality of Palawan in 1972 by virtue of a Marcos presidential decree.

In 1976, the government started building an airstrip which, being 1,260 meters long, accommodates only small aircraft like the PLDT's Beechcraft 200 that took our group to the island.

"Flying here was much more challenging," remarked Capt. Reynaldo Ercilla.

He and Capt. Maximo Rosales (who took this writer, Smart's Aimee Abaricia and photographer Jay Javier to the island with mechanic Danilo Delgado), used to drop provisions for the Marines stationed on Pag-asa back in the 1970s as Air Force officers. "A slight miscalculation, and the foodstuff would plunge into the water."

It was also the time when Pag-asa had only one registered voter, Vic Montes, coincidentally a forecaster from Pagasa, the weather bureau.

"The military needed accurate first-hand weather reports when they were building the airstrip," Montes said.

From all indications, things look promising for Pag-asa.

The locals have another expression for that, something that's a notch higher than "positib." It's "lagatok" (roughly, a hit)—and it's not a military term.

RP entry wins . . .

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commercial entitled "Bunso," which was chosen over 4,996 entries from 74 countries at the world's premier advertising show. The two-and-a-half minute commercial entered in the Public Awareness Messages category used footage from the multi-awarded documentary "Bunso" by filmmaker Ditsi Carolino and cinematographer Nana Buxani, which advocates juvenile justice law reform.

David Guerrero, chairman and chief creative officer of BBDO Guerrero Ortega, here to receive the award, said "the award has shown that the Philippines can create communications at a globally recognized level." He added that the filmmakers of "Bunso," who are not traditional TV commercial directors, have provided a valuable call for realism in our industry.

"We all need to take a fresh look at what is around us," Guerrero said.

John Hunt, chair of the Cannes Jury, described the TV commercial from the Philippines at a press conference Saturday as "one of the most emotional" this year. Hunt said it moved the international jury team into voting it as a clear Silver winner. ***Angel V. Guerrero, Contributor***

Though mum's . . .

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Cayetano said that once the justice secretary takes the witness stand, he can be made to stipulate the "legal position of the Republic of the Philippines" on the issue of the tape or tapes, and the proceedings could then be speeded up.

Gonzalez, however, said this was unlikely as he could not establish the authenticity of the tapes that were turned over to Congress earlier this week.

He noted that there were now several versions of the tape, each one said to be authentic by those who claimed to possess them, including former National Bureau of Investigation Deputy Director Samuel Ong, lawyer Allan Paguia, former Sen. Francisco Tatad, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye and, most recently, Cebu Rep. Clavel Martinez.

"Our problem right now is we do not know anymore which is the [authentic] tape. That is our predicament," he said.

Only if the individual who personally and directly conducted the wiretap comes out can the issue be brought into perspective, Gonzalez said.

Unless that happens, not even the persons in the tape can say with certainty that they are the ones on the tape, he said.

He said he would tell the House probers that the first issue to tackle would be whether the tapes were authentic and which of the versions were authentic.

Gonzalez, who earlier threatened to arrest anyone in possession of the controversial tape or tapes, said those who admitted to have taken part in securing and disseminating them would be held liable under the Anti-Wiretapping Law.

He mentioned Paguia, the lawyer of jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada, and Ong who has admitted to taking the tape from the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and distributing copies of it to opposition leaders.

Ong, who has been in hiding since coming out in media and claiming to possess "the mother of all tapes," was earlier charged with violation of the Anti-Sedition Law.

Saying that the House was likely to stop its investigation into the tape controversy, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday declared that the Senate would step into the breach.

If the House will not play the tape, the Senate will, said Pimentel, who has been doggedly asking the President to resign.

In his dzXL radio program yesterday, Pimentel said that with only around 15 minority representatives out of 230 House members, the minority was powerless to foil a majority move to scuttle the inquiry.

He said the Senate inquiry would start when the chamber resumes its regular sessions on July 25.

But even with the chamber in recess, Pimentel said the Senate leadership should already get the investigation under way.

He said the issue of whether the conversations were tapped illegally should not stop the Senate from investigating a crime allegedly committed by the highest official of the land.

"I don't think the Anti-Wiretapping Law should be invoked to hide the proof of illegal or criminal acts. If a wrongdoing was committed, the offender should not hide under the protection of Republic Act No. 4200. Otherwise, we might as well repeal this law if this will be used to suppress the truth," Pimentel said. ***With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana***

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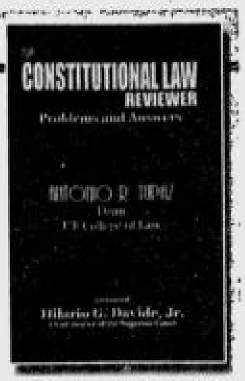

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Hardliner wins Iran poll in landslide

TEHRAN—Ultra-conservative Tehran mayor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad swept to a surprise landslide win in presidential elections on Saturday, putting in doubt Iran's fragile social reforms and tentative rapprochement with the West.

Ahmadinejad, 48, won the backing of the religious poor to defeat veteran political heavyweight Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, who was supported by pro-reform parties and wealthy Iranians fearful of a hardline monopoly on power in the Islamic state.

"The figures show that Ahmadinejad is the winner," Interior Ministry spokesperson Jahanbakhsh Khanjani told reporters.

He will be Iran's first non-cleric president for 24 years when he takes office in August.

State television reported that Ahmadinejad had won 61.9 percent of the 27.5 million votes counted so far, defying forecasts of a tight race and securing a margin that weakened complaints from officials and rivals about voting malpractice.

Officials did not give a final figure for turnout but, based on the latest number of votes counted, it was about 59 percent of the 46.7 million eligible voters. In the first round, 63 percent cast ballots.

"It's over, we accept that we've lost," said a close aide to Rafsanjani, who was president from 1989 to 1997.

AHMADINEJAD

Although Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the last word on all matters of state, a hardline presidency removes the moderating influence on decision-making exercised by outgoing reformist President Mohammad Khatami since 1997.

"This all but closes the door for a breakthrough in US-Iran relations," said Karim Sadjadpour, Tehran-based analyst for the International Crisis Group.

Washington broke ties with Iran in 1980 and now accuses it of developing nuclear weapons and supporting terrorism. Iran, the world's fourth-largest oil producer, denies the charges.

"I think Ahmadinejad is less amenable to compromise on the nuclear issue, but it is unclear how much influence he will have on it," said Sadjadpour.

In a campaign where candidates advocated better ties with the United States, Ahmadinejad said relations with Washington were not a cure of Iran's ills. He also said Iran had a right to develop nuclear technology and that it was the people's demand.

Rafsanjani, 70, has been at the forefront of politics since the 1979 revolution and was widely considered Iran's second most powerful figure before the vote. His last venture to the polls in a parliamentary election in 2000 also failed.

"Today is the beginning of a new political era," Ahmadinejad said after voting on Friday.

His victory was the latest by a new breed of hardline politicians, many of them former Revolutionary Guardsmen, who won local council and parliamentary elections in 2003 and 2004 amid widespread disillusionment with the slow pace of reform.

Friday's vote exposed deep class divisions in the nation of 67 million.

Ahmadinejad is a former member of the special forces of Iran's hardline Revolutionary Guards. His humble lifestyle and pledges to tackle corruption and redistribute oil wealth appealed to the urban and rural religious poor. *Reuters*

Female Marines among dead, hurt in Iraq attack

WASHINGTON—Two US Marines—one of them a woman—were confirmed killed and four other American troops apparently also died in a powerful suicide car bomb attack on a US convoy, the US military said on Friday.

The military also said 13 Marines, 11 of them women, were wounded in the attack on a military convoy in Fallujah on Thursday night, one of the deadliest single attacks on US ground forces in Iraq.

The troops were returning to their base in the troubled city after manning checkpoints around it where female soldiers are employed to search women entering and leaving.

A statement from the Marine Corps in Iraq said only that two Marines, one of them a woman, were killed and three Marines and an American sailor were missing and had not been identified after the attack.

But a US military official, who asked not to be identified, said the four missing troops apparently also died and may have included some women.

The six deaths would bring to 1,731 the number of US troops killed since the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003 to topple Saddam Hussein.

US officers say insurgents are developing more powerful "shaped" bombs capable of piercing if not destroying US armored vehicles, greatly increasing the deadliness of their attacks.

"One Marine was killed when the vehicle she was in was attacked by a suicide vehicle borne improvised explosive device. The other Marine, a male, was killed by small arms fire immediately after the car bomb attack," according to the statement from US forces based in Fallujah.

"Thirteen Marines were wounded in the incident, 11 of whom were women," the statement added.

It said that three Marines and a Sailor believed to be in the vehicle were listed as "Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown" pending positive identification. A US military official said that the vehicle was swept by flames after the attack.

"The Marines were enroute to Camp Fallujah after working at entry control points in the city of Fallujah," the military said.

The military said that female Marines played a vital role in providing security at the entry control points in Fallujah.

"They search female Iraqi citizens moving through the checkpoints. Female Marines are employed in this role in order to be respectful of Iraqi cultural sensitivities. Their assignment to this mission is in full accordance with Department of Defense and Marine Corps policy."

The names of the dead were being withheld pending notification of families, the statement said. *Reuters*

US confirms 2nd case of mad cow disease

WASHINGTON—The US government on Friday confirmed its second case of mad cow disease, prompting consumer groups to call for broader testing of cattle as the meat industry defended existing safeguards.

The US Department of Agriculture said it was investigating the herd of the infected beef cow, which was described as at least 8 years old. Meat from the cow was not sold to consumers or as animal feed.

US Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said the USDA would change some testing procedures, but defended current safeguards as more than adequate to protect consumers.

"The BSE threat to humans in this country is so remote that there's a better chance you'll get hurt crossing the street to get to the grocery store than by the beef you buy in the grocery store," Johanns said at a news conference.

The announcement came a week before the US Independence Day celebration on July 4, where Americans traditionally barbecue hamburgers at a rate that makes it one of the year's biggest days of beef consumption.

The first case of the disease 18 months ago prompted Japan and Korea to halt imports of billions of dollars of US beef.

Neither has yet resumed American purchases, but Johanns said he did not expect the new case to hurt negotiations.

Officials said the infected animal was born before a 1997 ban on recycling cattle remains into cattle rations. There was no evidence the infected animal was imported, said the USDA, which was doing DNA testing to confirm its herd of origin.

The previous US confirmed case of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), was found in December 2003 in a Washington state dairy cow imported from Canada.

Officials said two confirmed infections was a tiny number considering the 30 million cattle slaughtered annually in the United States.

"The presence of the disease is extremely low in the United States. Our safeguards are working exactly as they should," Johanns said.

Ron DeHaven, head of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection, said the infected animal was slaughtered at a pet food plant.

Neither official would identify the state where the cow came from. Published reports have said it was sent to slaughter last November in Texas, the nation's biggest cattle state. *Reuters*

Malaysia minister suspended for sleaze

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia's ruling UMNO party has suspended cabinet minister Isa Samad for six years for corruption, in the boldest step yet of a campaign against graft within government ranks, officials said Saturday.

The disciplinary board of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) found Isa, who is also one of its vice-presidents, guilty of vote buying in party leadership elections, the official Bernama news agency said.

After leveling the charges against Isa on Thursday, the board has yet to make an official announcement but told him in writing Friday that he was guilty of five of the nine allegations of breaching party discipline, Bernama said.

Isa, who serves in the cabinet as Federal Territories Minister, is the most senior UMNO politician to be found guilty of corruption and breaching the party's code of ethics. He has two weeks to appeal the decision. *AFP*

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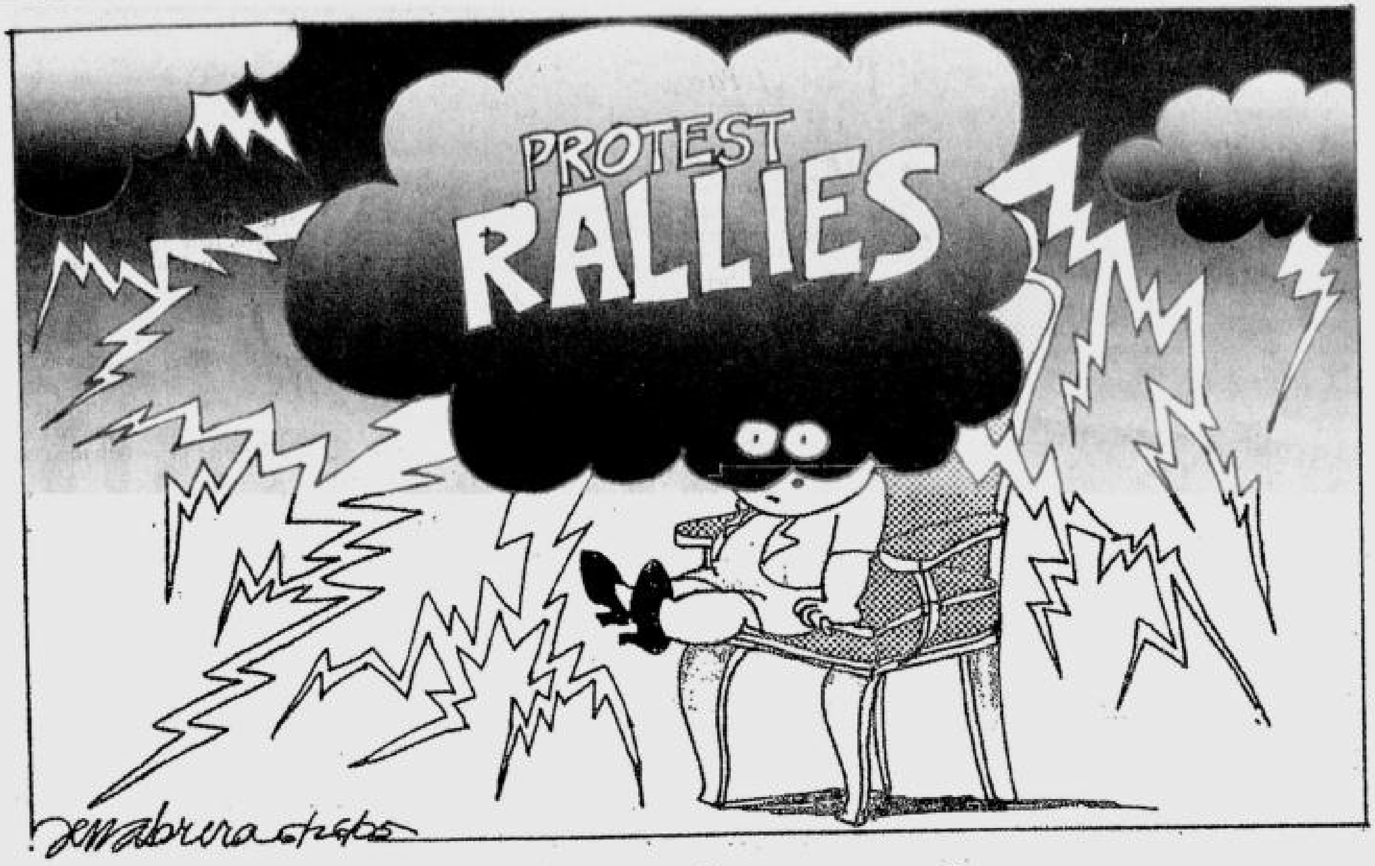

Confused

EDITORIAL

WHEN *jueteng* "bagwoman" Sandra Cam called ex-police general Restituto Mosqueda "a congenital liar" in last Friday's resumption of the Senate hearings on the illegal numbers game, no one among the senators thought to ask the obvious follow-up question. Since much of her testimony was based on a recollection of assertions that Mosqueda allegedly told her, how does she know he was telling the truth then?

The allegation, for instance, that Mosqueda had boasted to her about his supposed role in the authentication of the Jose Pidal signatures: if Cam is right that the former chief of the national crime laboratory was a congenital liar—that is, a liar from birth, and who therefore cannot help himself from lying—why is she offering yesterday's boast as today's gospel truth?

Much of her testimony has been hearsay; Mosqueda told her this, Mosqueda told her that. Thus, her emotional outburst last Friday only served to undermine her own account; she impugned her own source. She also further blurred the line between truth and falsehood.

Unfortunately, many of the senators in attendance were not really interested in ascertaining the truth, wherever it may lead; they only wanted to score political points. A few (for instance, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. of the opposition and Sen. Rodolfo Biazon of the administration coalition) did try to make heads or tails of the documentary evidence that was on offer or could be made available. But if the hearings were to focus on only those allegations that could in fact be proven, then Cam's most sensational charges (her alleged payoff to the Arroyo congressmen) would have to be ignored.

Mosqueda certainly has much to answer for, and he may need more than the three lawyers he showed up with last Friday to provide all the answers. But he is small game; both Archbishop Oscar Cruz, who revived the jueteng payola issue, and opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson, who played a key role in pushing for the Senate probe, have claimed that the payola goes all the way to Malacañang. On the basis of the first four Senate hearings, only a die-hard partisan would still make that claim.

That is possibly why opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara has called for an end to the probe. He cited legal considerations, but the real reason may be strategic: President Macapagal-Arroyo herself is not vulnerable on the jueteng issue. Better to concentrate the opposition's firepower on the "Hello Garci" tapes.

We doubt, though, whether other members of the opposition, other Arroyo critics, or indeed even some officials of the administration, would oblige him.

There is the Lacson faction, which welcomes any and all scandals, on the assumption that their collective weight will break the administration. There is the pro-Estrada bloc in the Senate (Sen. Loi Ejercito, her son Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, and Sen. Jamby Madrigal), which welcomes the jueteng probe as an opportunity to exonerate the disgraced former president, ousted in large part because the public believed him to have centralized jueteng operations right in Malacañang. There are militant groups on the Left, which have made common cause with the very people they had helped oust.

And then there is a phalanx of administration operatives, who see the Senate probe as a necessary evil, best used to divert public attention from the tapes or to undermine the opposition's credibility.

It is therefore likely that the joint Senate committee hearings, or at least the jueteng issue, will continue in some form. (To be sure, Archbishop Cruz is an independent passionately against gambling; perhaps to the opposition's eventual chagrin, he will continue to march to his own beat.)

This means that the public would continue to suffer from scandal overload. (By delaying her response to the Hello Garci tapes controversy, the President has only helped fuel speculation about the issue.) Whether this overload is good for the opposition, whether it will help them convince the majority of Filipinos that it is indeed time for the President to go, remain unclear.

What is beyond doubt is that these two scandals and various related sub-plots have generated too much information; many Filipinos, simply put, are confused. If our politicians cannot distinguish between heat and light, the truth will remain hidden in the dark.

Removal through impeachment

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE CURRENT talks about removing President Macapagal-Arroyo through impeachment is the reason for this brief reminder on the subject. This is a matter most lawyers are conversant with but not the rest of our people who have what we may call only a nodding acquaintance with this process.

Described as "the most formidable weapon in the arsenal of democracy," it is not as impressive as it may seem. Less dramatically viewed, it is an extraordinary means of removal exercised by the legislature over a selected number of high government officials. The purpose is to ensure the utmost care in their indictment and conviction, and the imposition of special penalties commensurate with the nature and degree of the offense committed and the high status of the wrongdoers.

In actual practice, impeachment may be a "rusted blunderbuss," as Rossiter points out, often aimed as a political threat but seldom ever actually fired. It was attempted against only two American presidents, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, who were both absolved. Richard Nixon could have been impeached and found guilty over the Watergate scandal, but he avoided his conviction by resigning.

In this country, impeachment proceedings were filed against Presidents Elpidio Quirino, Diosdado Macapagal and Ferdinand Marcos, all of which were effectively blocked. But the resolution to impeach Joseph Estrada was different; it was signed by the required number in the House of Representatives and successfully transmitted to the Senate through a maneuver of then Speaker Manuel Villar. That began the first impeachment trial in the Philippines that was, however, not completed.

The walk-out of 10 senators over a procedural issue suspended the trial and provoked what later became Edsa II. The size and rage of the demonstrators and their plan to march on Malacañang panicked Erap and made him flee to his private residence with a farewell message to the nation. The Supreme Court interpreted his act as a resignation and allowed Vice President Arroyo to take over as his constitutional successor. Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide Jr. himself administered her oath of office, with the members of the Supreme Court in attendance.

President Arroyo's foes are hoping for a reprise of that historic experience, but not through another people power demonstration. At least not immediately. They hope to eject her from Malacañang through the lawful process of impeachment, for which they believe they have sufficient grounds. The Constitution states these grounds as "culpable violation of the Constitution, treason, bribery, graft and corruption, other high crimes, or betrayal of public trust." They passionately contend she is guilty on all counts.

The administration of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo may be laughing at them for being ignorantly optimistic. Their plan to expel her is not as simple as all that. The Constitution provides that a resolution to impeach must be supported by at least one-third of all the members of the House of Representatives. As there are now 236 such members, at least 79 of them will be needed for the purpose. The present opposition in the chamber cannot raise that number against the Rainbow Coalition controlled by Speaker Jose de Venecia, who is loyal to President Arroyo.

Even if the required members of the chamber are persuaded to file the resolution to impeach, there is the higher obstacle of convicting her by the two-thirds vote from the Senate required by the Constitution. The opposition also doesn't have 16 senators in its ranks against Senate President Franklin Drilon and his colleagues who are expected to protect Ms Arroyo.

If the impeachment of Estrada had continued, his 11 allies in the Senate would have held fast and proclaimed his innocence. The other 10 members then were against Erap but were not enough to remove him. Even if Sen. Robert Barbers who was then in the United States could have joined them on the final vote, the 11 senators who were for Estrada's conviction would have been 5 votes short for such verdict.

The one-third vote to impeach President Arroyo and the two-thirds vote to convict her are not possible at this time. But President Arroyo should not be so confident of the numbers in Congress because there is still the bigger and more decisive number in the sovereign people.

The process of impeachment may perform another function even if it may not be able to remove the respondent directly. The proceedings in Congress may so provoke the people outside to decide for themselves if the person being tried is innocent or guilty. During the trial of Joseph Estrada, the prosecution panel led by then Rep. Joker P. Arroyo so demolished Erap's presumption of innocence that the people who were following the proceedings decided for themselves that Estrada should be removed.

A similar sentence may await Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Her favorite law office should exert gargantuan efforts to refute the mounting evidence that she has neither title nor integrity to be the President of the Philippines. If this judgment cannot come from the impeachment trial, it may be pronounced by the people themselves as the court of last resort.

Fading from glory

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THE STORY is told about a man who was informed by a computer company thus: "Dear Sir, your dating has been on the Net for eight weeks now without any answer. Do you want us to try one more week without your picture? Thank you, from www.dating.com."

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 10, 37-42) Jesus tells us that if we want to follow Him, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and lose our lives. In other words, we must be willing to fade away, to be out of the picture, so to say. The reason why many times people cannot see Jesus is because His so-called disciples get in the way. Are you a Christ-enlarger, or are you a Christ-blocker?

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One disciple who knew how to fade away from the picture was the late Jaime Cardinal Sin. He was one who kept pointing to Jesus and not to himself especially in the most difficult and critical moments of our history. He was a prophet who risked criticism and persecution for the sake of truth, justice and freedom. Through it all, Cardinal Sin took the road—and taught us to take the road—of self-denial and service, in contrast to many people in our day and time who take and continue to stay on the road of earthly glory, and self-aggrandizement. His message in life and in death to those who want to perpetuate themselves in power by all means and by any means is this: Whoever seeks himself, whoever finds his life, will lose it.

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Cardinal Sin really loved the Filipino people. We have a lot of leaders who profess love for our people, but continue to rob them, fool them and manipulate them. Cardinal Sin sacrificed a lot for our people. How many of our leaders know the word sacrifice? How many have become poorer after their stint in public service? How many of our leaders will go out of their way and go beyond their comfort zones to really reach out and serve? The most beautiful homage our leaders can pay to our dear cardinal in his death is their commitment to stop talking and really start serving. May his motto "*serviam*" (I will serve) become the motto of every leader of the Filipino people.

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What is the 11th commandment? "Do not take yourself too seriously." Cardinal Sin knew how to use humor fighting dictators and the powers that be, and how? He was able to disarm the mighty, and diffuse the most tense moments by his wit and laughter. Why? Because he fully knew who he was—a humble servant of God who knew how to bend his knees before his master, and therefore could stand up before any earthly power. He was not afraid of anything or of anyone. Why? Because he was righteous. Truth was on his side; and Cardinal Sin taught us that, if truth is on your side, fear is no longer a big factor in your life.

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"If you want to talk to God, pray. If you want to listen to God, meditate. If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans!" There are a lot of things that we will remember about Cardinal Sin, but I personally would like to remember him as a prayerful man and as a happy man. He sought refuge in prayer and he urged us, his flock, to resort to prayer, especially in the most crucial moments of our lives. He had a strong trust not in his own power (he had the power) but in his Master's power and in the Blessed Mother. He knew that he was just an unworthy instrument, but he knew too that his Master will not abandon him. That is why he could smile, he could joke and he could laugh through it all. A lot of leaders are rattled, insecure and panicky these days. Maybe it's time for them to really pray, meditate and listen to God's plans.

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Prophets are those who speak God's truth, and a prophet's life is always marked with persecution and opposition. The Gospel today reminds us to support prophets in our midst. Are we supportive of prophets? Do we stand by them in their crusade for the truth? Do we shut them off or deny them especially when they rock the boat and threaten our comfort zones? At the end of our lives, may we not be guilty of the sin of silence when we should have spoken up, the sin of comfort when we should have gone and stood up.

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Think about it: "Better to fade away from glory than to hold on to glory."

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Invitation to join on weekends a psycho-spiritual retreat for singles and couples: "Understanding & Healing Wounded Relationships through Psychogenetics and Gestalt Therapy in the Light of the Gospel" to be held at the SVD Retreat House, Tagaytay City. Retreat Modules 1 and 2 will be facilitated by Fr. Ed Fugoso, SVD every second and fourth weekend of the month. There will be a special arrangement for interested priests and nuns involved in counseling. Contact Father Ed at 0917-5414330.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to learn to fade away, and to give you the glory. Amen.

Well done, Ambassador Seguis

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

BEFORE ANYTHING else, I want to extend my personal congratulations to Ambassador Rafael Seguis, one of the undersecretaries of the Department of Foreign Affairs who was in charge of negotiations for the release of Robert Tarongoy, the Filipino accountant abducted by Iraqi insurgents November 1st last year. Tarongoy was released after more than 200 days in blindfolded captivity.

In the '60s, Paeng Seguis and I were both assigned to the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. He was, at that time, an attaché, not having taken yet the tough foreign service officer exams, after which he gradually rose through the ranks reaching the position of undersecretary. His forte has been finance work and his area of specialization the Middle East, having been assigned to Libya and Iraq, considered by many in the foreign service as hardship posts. Upon reaching retirement age a few months ago, he was called on to continue serving and given the delicate mission of securing Tarongoy's freedom. It was his patience, perseverance and sense of sacrifice which kept him focused on the job amid the dangers and difficulties of dealing with fanatical armed groups operating in Iraq.

We must also recognize the efforts of Special Envoy Roy Cimatu, head of Team Iraq who continues to look after the welfare of Filipinos in the Middle East.

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Last Tuesday was my first visit to the Palace after more than five years. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (SBY) and his wife Ani were guests of honor at an official dinner tendered by the First Couple. This was SBY's first trip to the Philippines since his election victory by a wide margin over incumbent Megawati Sukarnoputri some nine months ago. It is a tradition for Asean heads of government to pay courtesy calls on their counterparts after assuming office. These visits are quite brief as they try to touch base at several Asean capitals in a short period of time. Keep in mind that there are now 10 Asean members. Originally, there were only five—Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The evening was sort of a mini-reunion of old Jakarta hands, like PNOC chief Ed Mañalac and wife Ting, Universal Robina Corp. (URC) executive Bienvenido Bautista and Winda. As I mentioned in earlier columns, the Filipino expats in Jakarta were the cream of the crop and, today, they continue their careers in responsible positions in government and the private sector. Former ambassador to Indonesia Eusebio Abaquin, was also there with Odi. Gen. Jose Magno, a product of Indonesia's Command and General Staff College was seen escorting members of the President's party.

As was the case during many occasions in the past, entertainment was provided by the Bayanihan Philippine dance company which recently staged a coast-to-coast concert tour of the United States and came back with the top award in the 47th International Folklore Festival in Italy. They continue to be one of the country's outstanding ambassadors of culture.

A surprise number was the performance by the Hail Mary the Queen Children's Choir which is made up of kids from 7 to 18 years of age, who come from different schools in Metro Manila. Organized in 1999 by spouses Ulan and Dinna Sarmiento, the choir operates out of the Immaculate Concepcion parish in Cubao, Quezon City. The group started singing at Mass and other liturgical feasts, but it has since earned local and international recognition for their music. It was the gold medalist and Olympic champion in the "Music of the Religious" category at the 2004 Choir Olympics in Bremen, Germany. Musically directed by spouses Jude and Teresa Roldan, it was this achievement which brought them to the attention of the First Couple. They are available for musical programs and can be contacted at the Immaculate Concepcion Parish (Tel. No. 727-7486).

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These days, there is one cloud hanging over Philippine-Indonesian relations. Up to now, there is no Indonesian ambassador in Manila. The Indonesian Embassy here is being handled by a chargé d'affaires. Perhaps, it is a bureaucratic problem but in the diplomatic world, what one fails to do can raise eyebrows even more than what one says or does. Under normal circumstances, when a chief executive is in town on his first official call, his ambassador to the country should already be in place before the latter's arrival.

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From the Philippine Military Academy to the DFA: There are a number of PMA graduates who have left the military organization to join our foreign service. These are not political appointees but officers who passed the foreign service officer (FSO) exams and decided to shift their careers to diplomatic work.

The highest ranking among them is Ambassador Marciano Paynor Jr., class of 1971. He was at one time ambassador to Israel before heading the consulate in Los Angeles. He cut his teeth in diplomatic work as head of Palace protocol, during the time of President Fidel V. Ramos, and he is returning to his old job next month as the current chief of protocol, Ambassador Linglingay Lacanlale, is moving to Vienna, her first head of mission posting.

Next is Ambassador Isaias (Ike) Begonia, class of 1969, who was recently confirmed as chief of mission II. Ike was at one time consul general in Guanzhou and is rumored to be headed for a return posting in China under former Vice President Tito Guingona.

We also have Jose Burgos, minister counselor in Bahrain, class of 1977; and Gines Gallaga (son of noted movie director Peque Gallaga) who graduated from the PMA in 1991. He is now a vice consul in Los Angeles.

The lesser-known Sin

COMMENTARY

Nandy Pacheco

IN ADDITION to his great contributions to and his crucial and positive impact on the lives of millions of Filipinos as well as on so many worthy political and social causes, Jaime L. Cardinal Sin, former Archbishop of Manila, also gave encouragement to two organizations at a time when they needed it most.

We pay tribute to His Eminence Jaime L. Cardinal Sin for the genuine support he gave us when we started the Gunless Society in 1991 and the Kapatiran sa Pangkalahatang Kabutihan (KPK) in 2002. The KPK is a national, interfaith, nonviolent, political movement that seeks to renew Philippine politics and rid the Filipino nation of its evil dimensions, for the common good.

It was Gloria Alcuaz, a social activist, who arranged an appointment for our group to see the cardinal so that we could get him to endorse the Gunless Society project. A small group, made up of Mila Magsaysay-Valenzuela, Bea Zobel, Gloria Alcuaz, Mercy Tuazon, Alex Reyes Jr. and myself, went to see him. Cardinal Sin had no difficulty in supporting the project after we explained that the Gunless Society is rooted, first, in the prophecy of Isaiah that says, "they (people) shall beat their plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, one nation shall not raise sword against another, nor shall they train for war again"; second, in God's commandment "You shall not kill"; and, third, in the "Social Teaching of The Church" with particular reference to that part on the "Sanctity of Life and Dignity of the Human Person."

As a result of that visit, Cardinal Sin issued a message endorsing to the government two related and complementary resolutions approved by the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP II). One of the resolutions "calls on all sectors of the Church to actively campaign for an end to the production and manufacture of the technology of death and the arms trade as part of the Church's vision of peace"; and the other "calls for a massive campaign for a public policy to prohibit the glorification of guns and violence, lust and sex in the movies, movie billboards, TV, radio and print media."

Cardinal Sin and Ricardo Cardinal Vidal were the first to sign the petition asking the government "to keep the environment safe by making it unlawful for anyone to carry guns and any instruments of violence in a public place unless he/she is authorized, in uniform and on duty. This ban would not apply to sportsmen or individuals who wish to keep licensed guns in their homes or gun clubs." The other bishops followed suit. The petition also appeals "to the Government to impose this ban strictly and thereby carry out its mandate of creating a peaceful environment for its citizens." In addition, Cardinal Sin sent a special message to Congress, urging the speedy approval of the gun control legislation. He did many other things in support of the Gunless Society, such as allowing a big billboard to be placed on the wall of his residence facing Shaw Boulevard, with the message: "You are welcome, your gun is not."

We were able to gather over a million signatures on the petition. But sad to say, the reality is that one cannot expect a gun control law from a progun-dominated Congress. This has been the situation in Congress since the time of President Corazon Aquino up to the present. There is no political party in the Philippines that is committed to gun control.

With regard to the Kapatiran, the other cause for which we sought the assistance of the cardinal, he received Manolo Dayrit and me warmly when we went to visit him to get his endorsement of the movement.

Cardinal Sin expressed elation when we told him that we had just formed the KPK to renew and transform Philippine politics in accordance with the values of the Good News of Jesus and in the spirit of PCP II.

Cardinal Sin reacted by saying "it is about time for our lay faithful to be more actively involved in socio-political affairs." In his reply to my letter of June 3, 2003, he also said: "I share your sentiments that Philippine society needs transformation and renewal. We must inject the Gospel values to our citizens, especially to our government officials. Genuine peace and progress can only take place if there is spiritual renewal." He even asked us to get in touch with Fr. Vic Apacible, the minister for lay formation in the Archdiocese of Manila, to help us and put in context our good intentions.

With common good as its ideology, Kapatiran's mission includes: (1) to build a nation of character; (2) to develop an enlightened, mature and responsible citizenry—from which servant leaders will emerge—through character building, values formation based on the social teaching of the Church, consistent ethic of life, love of country, and basic political education; (3) to make politics an effective means for the integral development of all rather than a tool for the advancement of a privileged few; (4) to draw up a list of clear and specific aspirations which can be woven into a coherent program of government; (5) to make politics a medium through which you can show love for neighbor and promote justice and peace; (6) to make a reality a government of the people, for the people, and by the people; and (7) to make Kapatiran a national vehicle for social and political transformation.

Cardinal Sin's earthly work is now done, but we who follow him in his footsteps should not forget the example that he set. Neither should we ignore his wise counsel. He was a great teacher, a true leader, and above all a man of love and peace. The principles that he espoused must guide us all, Filipinos, as we work to build a better country for our children and for the future generations.

Cardinal Sin, you were indeed a faithful servant of God. We love you.

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Women's projects and world-class talent

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

BAGUIO—I've been in this city since Thursday evening to witness and speak at the launching of three projects for women here.

The first was the launching last Friday of the "Livelihood Assistance for Women and Raising Public Awareness on Women's Issues in Baguio City" and the "Women's Empowerment in the Barangay" (Project WEB) at the University of the Cordilleras, formerly known as the Baguio Colleges Foundation.

The livelihood assistance project is funded with a P1-million allotment from the office of former Abanse! Pinay Sectoral Rep. Pat Sarenas. The project consists of skills training in candle-making, traditional loom weaving and high-speed sewing in selected barangays of Baguio City, with an additional component of training in neighborhood organizing. Project WEB, on the other hand, is a project of Pilipina, funded by Misereor; and it involves orienting women leaders on gender and development, imparting practical skills in agenda-setting, and utilizing the GAD budget, then organizing the women leaders into effective advocacy and lobbying groups at both the barangay and city levels.

Among the special guests at the launching were Jesus Benjamin Salvosa, chair and CEO of the University of the Cordilleras; Councilor Pinky Rondez, representing Mayor Braulio Yaranon; and Lawrence Adube, the city's barangay affairs officer.

Soon after the launching rites, the first training module under Project WEB got underway. "GOT/POWER," for "Gender Orientation Training/Political Orientation for Women Leaders" (Pilipina national coordinator Beth Yang has a fondness for crafting clever acronyms) aims at clarifying basic gender issues and concepts, orienting the participants on the values and principles of feminism, and imparting the basic framework of GAD planning and budgeting.

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I'VE talked on "Sex and Gender" and on "Manifestations of Gender Discrimination," in one form or another before varied audiences. But last Friday afternoon was different because the women ranged from white-haired *lolas* to *bagets*, not to mention the babies hanging from cloth carriers slung across their mothers' chests. It was heartening to see women ranging across the generations nodding their heads in agreement, in common understanding of the issues that beset all of us simply because we are women.

Today, we're holding an "Orientation on Gender Issues for Student Leaders," reaching out to young women (estimated at between 16 and 25 years old) "to provide venues for (their) involvement as an expression of their new-found awareness."

Erlin Tagle, Abanse! Pinay secretary general, is also with us on this trip, and she has also been meeting with Abanse! Pinay chapters in Baguio and Benguet, preparatory to our national assembly later this year. I also hope to find the time to visit the Women's Center, whose construction was funded by Abanse! Pinay development funds, in Benguet.

I must thank our friends in Baguio for organizing this hectic series of seminars: Louee Padilla, Ping Estepa, Edna Tabanda, and Dr. Nini Rusgal, who told us she has just been appointed coordinator of senior citizens' affairs for the city. Thanks also to my friends Edna and Mike Anton for booking me in the Baguio Country Club, making this visit a real respite from everyday responsibilities in Manila.

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BLESSINGS and grace really come when you least expect them, in the most unlikely of circumstances.

Erlin and I were enjoying breakfast Friday at the BCC veranda when who should pass by but cultural writer and arts promoter Pablo Tariman, with pianist Mary Anne Espina, sister of my formidable journalist friends Inday Espina Varona and Mate Espina, and daughter of a former colleague, Rolly Espina.

Pablo urged us to attend a concert that night, featuring cellist Victor Michael Coo. Only in his early 20s, Coo has already won a number of competitions here and abroad, distinguishing himself not only as a soloist but also as a chamber musician. He is now pursuing his Master of Music at the University of Maryland. In fact, a harried Pablo told us, the young cellist had yet to arrive in Baguio as he was still applying for a US visa.

Despite (or because of) our full and tiring day, my friends and I decided we needed a break, and the prospect of basking in the soothing strains of classical music, amid the cool air of the BCC ballroom, was suddenly enticing.

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COO and Espina did not disappoint.

I have always considered the cello my favorite string instrument, finding its mellow tones, especially in the low register, calming and restorative. (Part of the reason I was eager to hand out the tickets Pablo thrust in my hands, urging me to bring "as many friends as you can.") In the hands of Coo, the cello transformed into a lively instrument, managing to create excitement, especially in the final, complex piece, Tchaikovsky's "Pezzo Capriccioso, op. 62." The most accessible number, however, was "Cavatina" by Nicanor Abelardo, melodious and sentimental, like a Filipino *kundiman*.

Coo's concert was billed "Best of the Philippines Concert Tour 6," part of a series of performances that Tariman has put together, featuring the best of the country's young and established artists. There was a murmur of excitement when Tariman told the Baguio audience that he hoped to bring tenor Otoniel Gonzaga and pianist Cecile Licad to the summer capital within the year.

I felt a sense of community with the Baguio folk at concert's end, even if I am but an irregular visitor. But that was how the evening felt, like a community cultural event of old that gathers neighbors together (in Baguio, most folks still know each other by name and face), though the featured artist was certainly a world-class talent.

From crisis to crisis

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

SINCE June 6, when Press Secretary and concurrent Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye first bared the existence of the "Garci tapes," the President has had many occasions to say something about these tapes.

Speaking through Secretary Bunye, she said she would "not dignify" them because their source is patently illegal. A few days later, she told businessmen in Hong Kong she would address the issue at the right time, when the political overheat has subsided. She has given speeches and interviews in which she argues that the tapes are part of a sustained effort to destabilize her government.

In other words, she has not been silent at all. On the contrary, she has answered nearly every question on the issue, except the most important one that is on the lips of every citizen of this country: Did she or did she not have private conversations with Commission on Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano during the period of canvassing in the 2004 elections?

What is so difficult about answering this question? If those alleged conversations never took place, why would a straight denial from the President incriminate her? In fact, one would reasonably expect a person deeply protective of her honor to immediately deny she is one of the parties in those tapes.

But—if she actually had those conversations, then she is probably well-advised to keep her mouth shut. Anything she says may be used against her in a court of law. Unfortunately, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is not an ordinary citizen but the country's highest public official. While she is entitled to a private life like the rest of us, she cannot, as a public official and as a politician, invoke her right to privacy on a question that is of the utmost public concern without seriously damaging her credibility. The law might protect her, but she would stand defenseless in the political arena.

The content of those tapes pertains to the conduct of the last presidential elections. They suggest a conspiracy between the President, who was a candidate, and a very high election official whom she had appointed to the Comelec despite his shadowy reputation as a manipulator of election results. If, instead of flatly denying the veracity of these conversations, she continues to erect a defensive wall of words around her, how long can she expect people to believe she is not hiding something?

It is interesting how much the Palace has contributed to its own problems. The existence of these taped conversations was first publicly announced by no less than the presidential spokesman himself. June 6 was a Monday. We can reasonably assume that Malacañang's crisis team met during the weekend to determine how to handle the tapes. When Bunye presented and played two compact discs to the Palace press corps, one labeled "original" and the other "altered," it is difficult to believe the President did not authorize what he was going to do or say on that occasion. A presidential spokesman speaking on his own behalf on a vital matter pertaining to the President? That would have been the height of irresponsibility.

Bunye promptly disappeared immediately after. When he returned to his post sometime later, he had a different story to tell. He said he was no longer sure that was the President's voice on the tapes, and that he was now convinced that both tapes had been tampered with. He could no longer identify the source of these two tapes. In less than a week, Malacañang moved from preemption to damage control, indicating the active participation of lawyers.

For a while, voices sympathetic to the President floated the option of a benign admission of impropriety. In this scenario, GMA admits she had those conversations with Garcillano, and apologizes for talking to him. But she emphatically denies she cheated in the elections. That option has now been abandoned.

It is clear that Malacañang has shifted President Arroyo's bid for survival from the terrain of political debate, where she is losing, to the arena of legal combat, where she hopes to win or, at least, delay her downfall.

The latest Palace line is a model of studied evasiveness: The President won the elections fair and square. If there are any doubts about her victory, they must be resolved in accordance with the rule of law. The alleged wiretapped conversations, whether authentic or not, are illegal, and therefore inadmissible in evidence. The President has not committed any impeachable offense. Without saying so explicitly, the Palace is daring the President's detractors to sue her.

The President has the numbers in both houses of Congress. Her allies can ignore public opinion and throw out any impeachment case at any stage of the process. The country may go through this wrenching exercise all over again, hoping that truth and justice will prevail in the end. But in the final analysis, the case will be resolved by a vote based not on any objective appreciation of the evidence at hand but on political allegiance.

The public skepticism about the autonomy of our institutions and the capacity of our political leaders for statesmanship is what is driving the protests in the streets. Suppressing legitimate dissent will only further damage our institutions. The crisis of legitimacy of the incumbent President is ripening into a crisis of institutional confidence. When the President starts ordering the nation's armed forces to quell the critical voices of its citizens, the whole existing framework of the rule of law is put on the line. At that point, this crisis may well develop into a crisis of the entire social order.

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THEY SAID

Beholden

"We're not even a nation-state anymore. We don't have our own autonomy, and that includes the political sector, too. We are beholden to the global system... and that's the reason there is some mourning: because we have lost our so-called independence or autonomy as a nation."

—Kilusang Makabansang Ekonomiya adviser Bishop Julio Xavier Labayen, on the country's "lacking autonomy"

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'HELLO GARCI' TAPE

What's next?

BY NOW, hundreds of thousands of Filipinos, if not millions, have heard snippets of the "Hello Garci" tape through ring tones, audio files on the World Wide Web, compact discs distributed for free, and radio or TV broadcasts.

Many have also read the transcript of the tape posted on the Internet or ran by print media. The people on the tape have also been the subject of text jokes and street songs.

The tape shows President Macapagal-Arroyo directing Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano to rig the presidential election in 2004 so she could win by at least 1 million votes, according to the opposition.

Ms Arroyo dismissed the exposé as part of destabilization efforts against her administration.

Because of her silence on the tape, various sectors have called for the authentication of the purported conversations between Ms Arroyo and Garcillano by independent foreign groups. Others want to put up a truth commission. Still others are pressing her to resign. To end the impasse, Cecilia Muñoz Palma, a retired Supreme Court justice, says the rule of law, through the impeachment process, must be followed. But the question is, Are the people patient enough to wait for the results of the impeachment process if charges are filed against Ms Arroyo?

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Reclaim our nation

By Dr. Minguita Padilla

I voted for Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo not so much because I was convinced she was the best of the lot, but because of fear.

I feared that a vote against her would be a vote for Fernando Poe, Jr. who, at that time, I believed to be the greater evil; not so much because of his person who history has since judged to have been a good man with a noble heart and a sincere desire to serve our country. No. Like many, I feared FPJ because of his inexperience and especially because of the people behind him who had been shown to be opportunists. I voted defensively.

However, it was a defensive vote that carried with it the hope that by giving Ms Arroyo a clear mandate, she would perform as a good president should, with only the best interest of our nation and its people in mind. I did it for love of country.

But the events over the past several months, especially those of the last, have been enough to almost cause me to throw in the towel and declare, like so many of our countrymen, that indeed we are a hopeless nation. It is only the fighter and the dreamer in me that make me hold on.

Helplessness

We are a battered people, battered by administrations that have betrayed our dreams and shot down our hopes since we fought for our freedom in Edsa I. It is a "learned helplessness" that seems to have taken over the majority of our people, now grown cynical and numb in the face of scandal after scandal that has rocked the last two administrations. But we cannot allow anyone to rob us of hope. We do that and we lose everything.

Shocking as they may be, the latest jueteng scandal now being investigated in the Senate as well as the taped phone conversations of the President that allegedly point to her giving instructions to an official of the Commission on Elections to cheat during the last balloting are but the symptoms of a cancer (corruption) that has slowly and insidiously taken over our land and our people.

Should the taped conversation prove to be authentic, the brazen way the instructions for cheating were being given by the President to a Comelec official is again a symptom of how blasé we have become as a nation to corruption. The head of state and an official trusted to safeguard our votes would think nothing of mocking one of the most sacred rights of our people. And even sadder is that very few groups, save those with vested interests, are publicly demanding to get to the bottom of this serious charge.

Could it be because we are still stunned by what we are witnessing? Or could it be that we have sunk to such depths as a nation that we are no longer capable of outrage?

Crossroads

We are at another crossroads and we, citizens of good will who have not yet given up hope, must reclaim our nation. We must complete the unfinished Edsa I revolution that lacked an essential element—the transformation of heart. We do nothing now and we may again see our country held hostage by yet another group of people only too eager to oust the present regime so it can do what it is accusing the present leadership.

We need to be united as a nation during these difficult times. But it cannot be a "unity" that is achieved at the expense of truth and justice; a unity that simply helps to propagate all that is wrong with our present system. If we must be united, let it be in demanding that our leadership set things straight and stop skirting issues by fighting accusations only with counter-accusations. Let us demand that we be given the truth for a change. We have turned a blind eye to wrongdoing long enough and this is where it has led us.

Like most Filipinos, I so desire to see our country get back on track. I wish to see the sanctity of the ballot protected, the dignity of our institutions restored, our Constitution respected, and our nation's soul reclaimed. I am not a destabilizer. I am simply a Filipino who refuses to give up hope. I therefore beg the President to submit these taped telephone conversations for authentication by independent, international agencies.

If the version wherein she is speaking to the Comelec official is proven false, then everybody stands to gain. She would be vindicated and we would perhaps learn how to trust again. However, should it be proven authentic then she would be guilty of an impeachable offense. Should this be the case then she should do what is decent and best for our country. She must step down.

(Padilla, the founder and president of the Eye Bank, is also president of Sinag, a People's Crusade for Good Governance. The full text of this article can be accessed at minguita@pacific.net.ph.)

Apply rule of law

By Cecilia Muñoz Palma

I grieve over the state of affairs in my beloved land as I read news items and listen to some interviews on a "so-called wire-tapped event," which put the rule of law once again in what may turn out to be a severe political crisis involving the Office of the President.

A citizen in the person of Samuel Ong comes out in public holding a disc, which he claims is a wire-tapped conversation over the phone between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. According to him, the taped phone conversation involved the discussion on the possible commission of fraud in the last presidential election.

The "exposé" of Ong naturally elicited strong reactions from the various sectors of society. The responses can be divided into three groups: (1) those who are outraged by the Ong revelation and demand that the President resign; (2) personalities in the public and private sectors who see the seriousness of the "Ong exposé" and believe it is incumbent upon the President to declare whether or not it is her voice on the alleged wire-tapped discs; and (3) the House of Representatives calling for a probe of the situation and for the President to break her silence.

Proper time

The President, however, decided not to give any official statement except that she will act accordingly at the proper time and forum. She alleges that the "exposé" is all part of a destabilization plot against her administration. This "Ong exposé" has brought our people into a state of what I can call a "political crisis" especially by the manner it has been played up by media.

I believe that we are going through for the second time in this decade, a crucial test of the strength of our will to be guided by the rule of law as envisioned in the 1987 Constitution.

Here is a private citizen making a public accusation against the President for manipulating the results of the last presidential election and asking for her resignation. The President says she will neither resign nor dignify the "exposé" with an answer or comment.

There is only one avenue of action and that is the process of impeachment as provided for in the 1987 Constitution.

Impeachment process

The people, however, lost their faith in the impeachment process as shown in the impeachment of President Joseph Estrada in which the proceedings were summarily stopped and the matter was brought to the streets all against the rule of law.

I humbly believe that the only way to put an end to this present situation is to go through the process of impeachment.

Whether the alleged acts constitute impeachable offense or whether these can stand on the so-called hearsay evidence are matters which need to be looked into by the proper constitutional body and not by the personal views of leaders in government and the private sector.

The call of the House of Representatives for the President to confirm or deny the alleged conversations on the "Ong tape" is a gross violation of a basic principle of a republican government, which is the separation of powers among the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government.

The House of Representatives through its committees is without power or authority over the executive except in the instances provided for in the Constitution.

The process is for an impeachment complaint to be filed against the President, to wait for its official result and more importantly, for the Filipino people to have the patriotism and political maturity to accept and abide by the official verdict and let the reins of the government proceed as the Constitution mandates.

Institutions

At least we have solved the crisis, though not in the manner each citizen may want. What is important is that we give our faith to our democratic institutions and in the process, will strengthen our democracy as a free and noble nation.

Let us grab the bull by its horns rather than be dragged into a limbo of suspicions, disbelief, social discontent, mistrust, even violence and instability in the governance of the nation's affairs.

We as citizens living under the rule of law and enjoying the benefits of republicanism are bound to respect, support it, notwithstanding our own personal views, for that is the only way we the Filipino people can survive any political, economic and social crisis and not end up as a so-called "banana republic."

(Palma is a retired Supreme Court justice and president of the 1986 Constitutional Commission.)

One for Sherlock Holmes

By Patricio P. Diaz

How I wished Sherlock Holmes were around. He would surely unravel the mystery behind the now popularly known Gloria tape. Can he?

The transcripts of the two copies of the tape that Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye played to Malacañang reporters which the Philippine Daily Inquirer published last Sunday, June 19, were intriguing. Sherlock Holmes would have been most interested.

From the conversations, the "woman" was, beyond question, not just asking the "man" to protect her votes but to do something to make her win by one million votes or more. And the "man," obviously speaking for his institution, assured the "woman" they were with her. So, she was with them.

If the "woman" was the President and the "man" was Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, the tape is first-hand evidence that through the order of the President—the slightest cue from the President is an order—the Commission on Elections rigged the votes that made Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo win. So, Fernando Poe Jr. was robbed of his votes.

That's apparent. But behind the tape are provoking and intriguing questions. Why are there two versions or copies of the tape? Tape 1, the "altered" and Tape 2, the "original." How did Bunye know? Who told him so? So, Bunye is in the know about the tape, not just acquiring it by accident. He must be grilled.

As versions, Tape 1 is rough and Tape 2 polished. Telephone conversations are impromptu—spur-of-the-moment communication. Tape 1 should be the original, not Tape 2. But Bunye said otherwise. He should know.

Which of the two tapes is original, leaving the other as altered, is for investigators to determine. However, if it was the opposition that caused the wiretapping, why did it have to have an altered version? That would put in doubt the authenticity of the tape.

How did Bunye get the two versions at the same time? If he got only the original tape, why did he have to have an altered version? That, too, would put in doubt the authenticity of the tape.

And here are the crucial questions: If the phone conversations allegedly tapped were those of the President and Garcillano, did they agree to voice the altered version? With the same speakers speaking only once in two versions, the altered version should contain only deletions not additions, but this is not the case in the Gloria or "Hello Garci" tape.

Let's take a look at the May 26 and 27 conversations:

In the May 26 conversation: Tape 1, "Man: ... *mag-uusap kami ni* Colonel." Tape 2, "Man: ...*mag-uusap po kami ni* Attorney." "*Po*" was deleted in the altered version.

That's okay. But how could "Attorney" be altered into "Colonel."

In the May 27 conversation: Tape 1, "Man: *San nandoon* ma'am?" Tape 2, "Man: ... Ma'am *sa* Santandon." "Ma'am" in the original was transposed to the end in the altered; "*sa* Santandon" was reconfigured to "*San nandoon*"; the intonation was changed from a statement to a question.

In the same conversation: Tape 1, "Woman: Sulu, Sulu?" In Tape 2, this is a statement, not a question.

Tape 1, "Woman: *Magko-correspond?*" Tape 2, "Woman: *Nagko-correspond?*" "*Mag*" and "*Nag*" have different initial sounds.

Still on the same tape: Tape 1, "Man: *Oho*, ma'am, *lahat po meron. Kompleto.*" Tape 2, "Man: *Oho* ma'am. *Lahat po meron.*" The original has no "*Kompleto*," which was added in the altered.

The questions lead to one very probable answer: The two versions were done separately by the same persons. Since it is unbelievable that the President and Garcillano would do the job, who could have done it? Who were behind the project?

No one can dispute the amazing progress in electronics technology. But can the computer or any other electronic devices, in altering the original tape, add words to the voice of the speaker; change the phonetic configuration of the sentences, clauses and phrases; and, as indicated by change of punctuation marks in the transcript, change intonation patterns?

If the progress in electronics technology has reached that far, it means that given the voice specimens of two or more persons, electronics experts can create a voice dialogue of those persons. Given the hypothesis, the Gloria or "Hello Garci" tape could have been made in the studio, not wire-tapped. Still the questions: Who did? Where? Why?

How we wished Sherlock Holmes were around! It would be easier for him to unravel the mystery if the "mother tape" of Samuel Ong and that of Alan Paguia are also transcribed and published. Can PDI do this?

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Sunken ship becomes prey to looting

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—Several artifacts and accessories of the USS New York, a World War I vintage American battle cruiser that sunk in the waters of Subic Bay in 1941, have been stolen, according to a dive instructor here.

The wreck of the 19th century ship, which is among the most popular diving attractions here, has been losing its parts to looters, said Butch Horario, an open water diving instructor of the Subic Bay Aqua Sports Inc.

Horario discovered the looting after he and four foreign divers on June 13 conducted a recreational dive at the wreck site.

The site, at 27.43 m. (90 ft) below the bay's surface, is located between the Alava Pier and the northern tip of the Cubi Point runway.

"During the dive we noticed that some artifacts and other accessories were missing, such as several pipes in different sizes, cables of different diameters and dimensions and port hole," Horario said.

He said they found a hose and a hacksaw that they believed were left by looters at the site.

Horario, a dive master here since 1995, said it was not the first time that shipwrecks were looted, citing more than five incidents in recent years.

"There were several cases in the past in which important pieces of artifacts were stolen from the other shipwrecks," he said.

The looting, he said, usually happen at night.

He said "small time" looters have been persisting because no suspect had been identified or charged in previous incidents.

Horario has referred the incident to the Law Enforcement Department of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) for investigation.

He said his group is willing to guide authorities in checking the wreck site.

The USS New York, which was commissioned on Aug. 1, 1893 in Philadelphia, was scuttled by the US Navy during World War II to keep its main guns from falling into the hands of Japanese troops. *Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

TAGBANUA and Batak natives join Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn in planting seedlings at the Irawan watershed during the celebration of the 15th Pista Y ang Cagueban (Feast of the Forest). JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Thousands join Puerto's 'Feast of the Forest'

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—All streets yesterday led once again to the mountains of Barangay Irawan as thousands of residents of this city—along with tourists and other visitors—joined this year's 15th Pista Y ang Cagueban (Feast of the Forest) and planted seedlings in Sitio Impapay.

Rogelio Daquer, city environment and natural resources office (Cenro) head, said the city prepared more than 100,000 seedlings to be planted on a 30-hectare area in the village as they expected around 25,000 to 30,000 participants to flock to Irawan this year.

He said every participant plants an average of 2-3 seedlings.

Participants this year once again had fun and excitement, which they missed in the last five years of the feast, as the celebration returned to its original site in Barangay Irawan.

The feast was transferred to Sitio Magarwak in Barangay Sta. Lourdes from 2000 to 2004 because of the need to rehabilitate the watershed area there.

Among the excitement missed during the celebrations in Magarwak were the cascading and meandering rivers of Irawan.

Daquer said that after the successful rehabilitation of the denuded forest in Sitio Magarwak, they needed to find another site for this year's Cagueban and found some 30 hectares of forest cover in Sitio Impapay in Barangay Irawan that needs to be rehabilitated.

"We were conducting forest demarcation and we saw an area of more or less 30 hectares occupied by forest occupants so we considered returning to Irawan, besides it was also the advice of Mayor [Edward] Hagedorn," Daquer said.

During the five-year celebration of Cagueban in Sitio Magarwak, participants were able to rehabilitate some 85 hectares of forest cover and planted more than half a million trees with an average survival rate of above 90 percent, he said.

Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn credited the success of Cagueban to the unwavering support of the people of Puerto Princesa, saying that without them, "we would not be enjoying the success that we are now enjoying."

"We would also like to appeal to those who, up to now, do not understand the value and importance of planting trees to stop their illegal activities," he said.

Hagedorn also warned them of efforts of the city government to totally stop illegal activities detrimental to the environment.

While he said he considered that the city had gotten rid of illegal loggers, "guerrilla loggers" continued to defy authorities. *Geraldford P. Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Capiz officials pass resolution backing GMA

ROXAS CITY—Local officials in Capiz have expressed their full support to President Macapagal-Arroyo in the wake of controversies hounding her administration.

In a resolution passed on June 22 by the provincial board, the Capiz officials also called a stop to dirty "political gimmicks" used by some disgruntled sectors.

They said wiretapped phone recordings on alleged rigging of the 2004 election were products of "forces who could not accept defeat."

The resolution said the lingering controversy continues to divide the nation and jeopardizes the government's initiatives in spurring the economy back to its competitive level.

"Until the wiretapping issue surfaced, the country's economic performance has been showing signs of recovery and brighter prospects of growth courtesy of sound policies and expertise of the Arroyo administration," the resolution said.

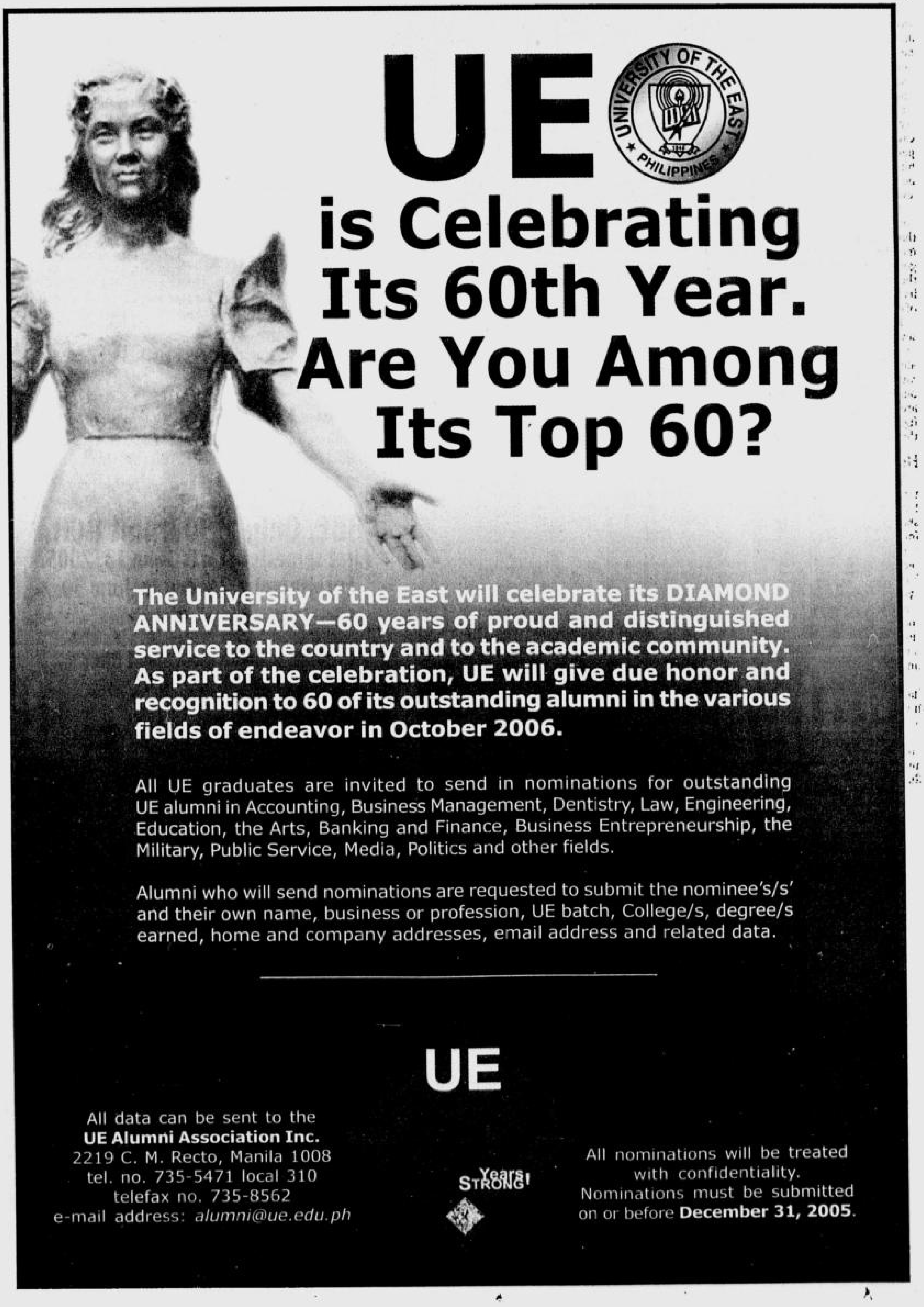
The resolution was authored by board member Vladimir Tanco, Sangguniang Kabataan provincial federation president. *Felipe Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau*

OWWA execs worry over fate of OFW

COTABATO CITY—While relatives and loved ones of freed overseas Filipino worker Roberto Tarongoy are now celebrating his freedom, officials of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (OWWA-ARMM) are worried about the fate of another worker in the Middle East.

Amy Crisostomo, OWWA-ARMM regional chair, said they have been looking for the relatives of a certain Sapi Ibrahim Usman.

Quoting a report from OWWA in Saudi Arabia, Crisostomo said Usman was believed to have lost sanity when she jumped off a two-story building in Riyadh. "She is now in the hospital and is brain dead," she said. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Co-op sparks hope for new landowners

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Midsalip, Zamboanga del Sur

THE HOUSE of couple Tony and Norma Bendecion in Midsalip town in Zamboanga del Sur is the crowning glory of their lives as farmers.

It is not your typical house and there is no greater symbol of their escape from poverty than the two living rooms, a dining room, a spacious kitchen, three bedrooms with toilet and bathrooms each, and home appliances for comfortable living.

For a long time, the Bendecions had endured a one-room hut where they dined, slept and received visitors.

Their break came in 1993 when Norma received a Certificate of Land Ownership Award covering about a hectare of farmland through Voluntary Land Transfer-Direct Payment Scheme from her former landlord.

The couple used a fourth of this farm to breed swine using its manure to fertilize the crops they grew.

But the journey towards prosperity was equally daunting. Usually, tenants lack drive despite aspirations to be successful. Years of bondage to their landlords have stifled their self confidence.

For Norma and fellow agrarian reform beneficiaries, the Midsalip Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Mifamco) was the vehicle that sparked their drive to face the challenge of being new landowners.

Two weeks ago, Mifamco was awarded the "Most Progressive Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organization" in the country in observance of the 17th year of the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Ventures

Organized in 1990 with 65 members in Barangay Timbaboy, Mifamco was an offspring of an irrigators association that was assisted by the Department of Agrarian (now Land) Reform (DLR).

It took two years before the coop was registered with the Cooperatives Development Authority.

Norma, now Mifamco general manager, credits the trainings and seminars conducted by DLR for injecting steam into the coop.

In July 1992, the cooperative ventured into marketing, principally of its members' produce, with an initial capital of P32,000.

With credit assistance from the Land Bank of the Philippines, Mifamco expanded into trading and production loan services.

Seven years later, helped by a relatively improved income of members, and a more systematic savings operation in place, the coop launched its savings and credit service with an initial deposit of P80,000. This became the bedrock of its current mini-banking operation.

Today, the coop has grown into over 2,000 members from four towns with a total asset of close to P30 million. Its business ventures include two consumer stores, trading, marketing, mini-banking, loan assistance, insurance and an integrated farm producing crop, livestock, poultry and aquaculture products.

Engr. Raymundo Bernardo, chief of CARP beneficiaries development of DLR's Zamboanga del Sur office, said these businesses operate along sound policies, systems and procedures.

Major employer

Apart from its regular staff members, the coop provides job opportunities in the farm, warehousing, *palay* drying and milling, marketing and storekeeping.

Workers enjoy handsome wages plus generous benefits comparable with those of established companies, while members enjoy provident services that include medical assistance, education loan and mortuary grant.

Lately, it embarked on a home financing program for members and launched a scholarship grant for the members' children.

Mifamco has also extended financial assistance for the improvement of vital infrastructure like roads and water system, as well as delivery of social services like nutrition and energization drives.

Through free lectures by its officials, the coop promotes farming modes that liberate farmers from corporate agribusiness by using organic cultivation technologies and integrated pest management practices.

Mifamco's success has earned for it several citations like being a runner-up in the "Best Cooperative" and "Best in Membership Expansion" awards of the Integrated Rural Finance in 2002.

Romeo Pepe Ladao, provincial agrarian reform officer of Zamboanga del Sur, said the recognition reflects the potential in rural communities if only people were given the chance.

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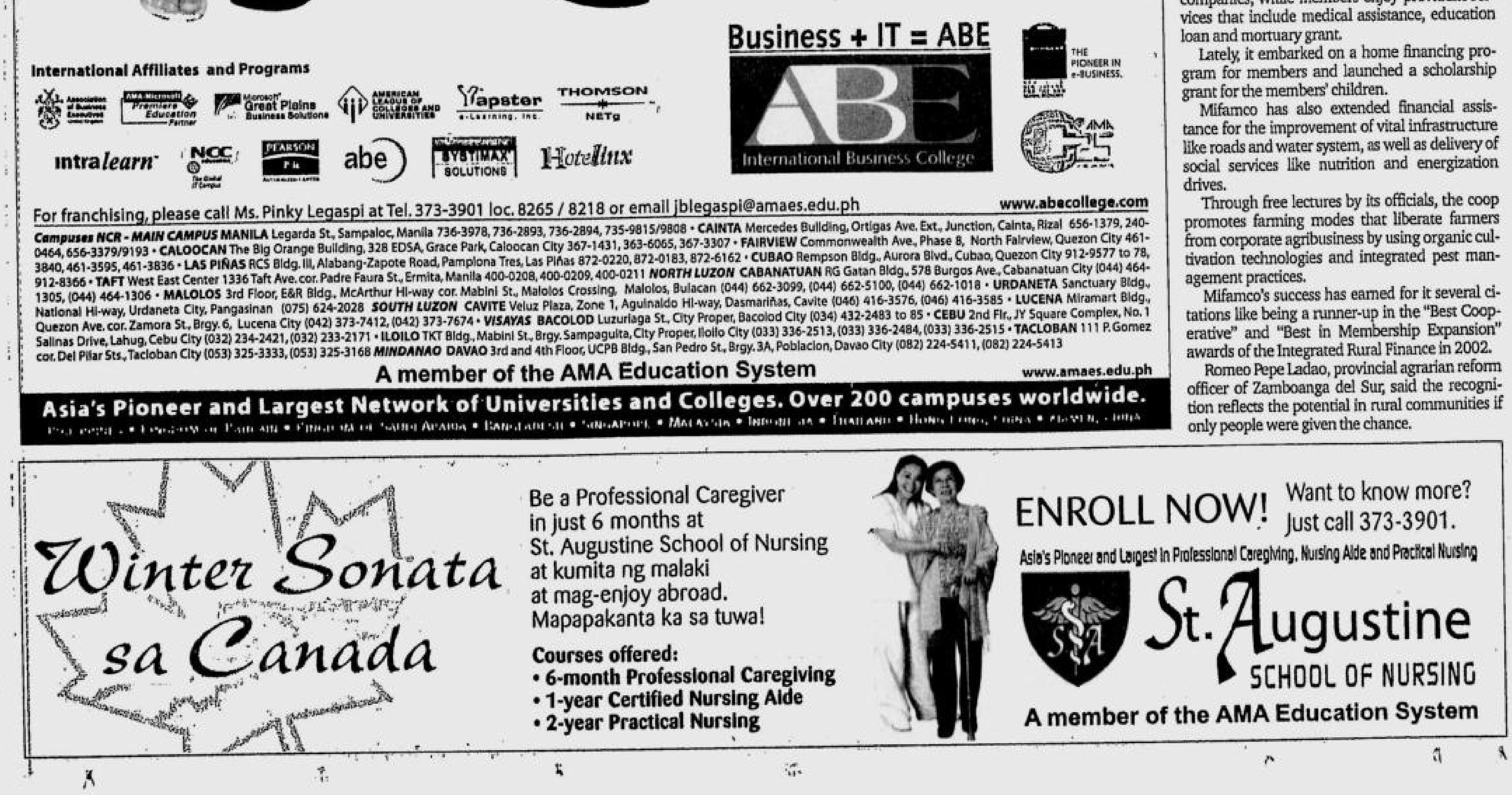

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Makati City to revisit its beginnings

By Tarra V. Quismundo

MAKATI City is set to recreate its history with the planned Heritage Zone.

Located outside the urban jungle of skyscrapers and malls, the project aims to take residents and visitors back in time to learn about the city's storied past.

The project will be Makati's version of the Walled City of Intramuros in Manila. The 335-year-old city is creating a trail of historical landmarks of the old Makati in the community where it began, Barangay Poblacion.

"We would like to give pride of place to our residents. We would like to show that Makati is a city with a soul, with a rich past," said Dwayne Samarista, the Poblacion barangay official who heads the community education and information committee.

Under the plan, Makati Heritage Zone would form a historical trail within Barangay Poblacion and portions of neighboring Barangay Guadalupe Viejo, incorporating historic landmarks on the streets of J.P. Rizal and P. Burgos, part of Makati Avenue, and the Pasig River bank on Makati's side.

MUSEO NG MAKATI

MAKATI'S modern skyscrapers serve as a fitting backdrop to the Makati museum, set in a century-old house in Barangay Poblacion where the city had its early beginnings. JOSEPH AGCAOILI

Oldest

"Barangay Poblacion is the city's oldest community... Makati's history is our history," said Samarista.

Makati rose along the banks of the Pasig River, in what was a marshland in the 16th century when Magellan landed in the Philippines. In the early years of Spanish colonization, Makati was a source of adobe or volcanic tuff deposits.

The Heritage Zone project aims to recreate Makati's lifestyle and architecture in the early years, said Makati Information and Community Relations Department head Joey Salgado.

The historical trail will include the Museo ng Makati on J.P. Rizal Street, the churches of Saints Peter and Paul in Barangay Poblacion, and the Nuestra Señora de Gracia in Guadalupe Viejo.

The Museo ng Makati, a community museum in a rebuilt stone house that used to be the town hall, has a collection of paintings and relief chronicling Makati's history and development. The museum also has replicas of documents and artifacts from centuries back, the museum administration said. Admission is free.

Another historical monument, the Parish Church of Saints Peter and Paul, was built in 1620 before Makati itself was founded. It was meant to be the "centerpiece" of the rising Makati community at that time, said Samarista. Bearing architectural trademarks of colonial mission churches, the Jesuit-run parish church on a hill once dominated the Poblacion skyline.

The centuries-old stone walls of Guadalupe Viejo's Nuestra Señora de Gracia, also known as Guadalupe Ruins, mark Bernardino Street.

Samarista said the Heritage Conservation Committee, an inter-agency task force undertaking the heritage trail project, had identified five centuries-old houses within Barangay Poblacion as possible additions to the Heritage Zone.

The committee has begun a "cultural mapping" of the planned Heritage Zone. Samarista, a committee member, said data gathering could take years.

Research

"The committee is currently doing research on tangible and intangible artifacts of history, including cultural and structural history, songs and dance, and oral history through the residents themselves," said the barangay official.

"We have called on our old residents to... start remembering the past... to give us old documents, old family photos, calendars, letters, and any other relic of the past," Salgado said.

The Heritage Conservation Committee is composed of officials of the local Urban Development Department, the City Museum and Cultural Affairs Office, the Mayor's Office, barangay officers, and consultants from the United Architects of the Philippines.

The committee has also consulted officials of Taal town in Batangas, which had established its own heritage zone.

"We're looking at the best practices in other towns, to learn from their example," said Salgado.

The heritage task force, said Samarista, would also seek the help of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the National Historical Institute in accurately and faithfully recreating Makati's history.

Restoration

When actual construction begins, Salgado said old homes would be restored in accordance with a single cultural theme. Streets would be repaved to create an "old world" ambiance.

Streets that are part of the historical trail, Makati Avenue, and J.P. Rizal and P. Burgos Streets might be closed to vehicles to allow safe pedestrian access.

The Makati Heritage Zone project is part of the five-year Makati 21 Development Plan, a comprehensive economic, social and cultural prospectus drafted in 2003.

The development plan aims to boost investment, generate jobs, provide housing, and preserve Makati's heritage to make "the city relevant to the 21st century" and enable it to keep its distinction as the country's premier city, Salgado said.

With the project, the city hopes to make people aware of its deep and strong historical roots.

Fire hits Greenhills Theater Mall

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A BUSY shopping weekend at the Greenhills Shopping Center in San Juan was disrupted yesterday when a blaze broke out in one of its malls around noon.

Fire hit a row of stalls on one side of the Greenhills Theater Mall and destroyed 12 of about 100 shops, the San Juan Central Fire Station said.

None of the two moviehouses at the mall was damaged, said Rex Drilon II, chief operating officer of Ortigas & Company, the center's developer.

The fire department raised the first fire alarm at 12:15 p.m.

At its height, the blaze reached Task Force Bravo, a fire alarm level which calls on units of the Bureau of Fire Protection and volunteer fire brigades in Metro Manila to respond.

In a press statement, Drilon said the fire was believed to have started in the kitchen of a Chinese restaurant at the basement of the mall. However, authorities were still investigating how the incident started.

Thick smoke, believed to have come from burning cooking oil in the Chinese restaurant, initially prevented firefighters from entering the scene.

"The smoke was too thick," SFO1 Domingo Cabug Sr. told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Firefighters were able to enter the building at about 3 p.m., when exhaust fans finally eased the smoke.

By 4:30 p.m., firemen had begun mopping up operations, to make sure the fire had already been put out.

The fire was declared put out at 5:25 p.m.

The incident compelled the local government to seal off the entire shopping complex for the rest of the day, to prevent chaos and panic among both stall owners and shoppers.

But Drilon said the rest of the shopping center remained "business as usual."

Cabug said roughly 500 sq. m. out of the roughly 1,000-sq. m. ground level was gutted. The food court at the basement sustained water damage.

Yesterday's blaze was the latest to hit the shopping complex, which was also hit by fire in January 1996, May 2001 and February 2004.

Hours earlier, at 1:20 a.m., another fire had gutted Studio 810 in Sta. Ana, Manila.

Arson investigators said millions of pesos worth of audio, video and lighting equipment were destroyed at the film and recording studio. No estimates were available as of presstime.

The studio, owned by one Elaine Mañez, had been used in advertisement shoots, band recordings and television program taping.

The last time the studio was used was on Thursday night when a band played onstage.

Studio caretakers Juvillano Salustiano, 43; his wife Carla, 32; year-old daughter Sunshine, and two-week-old son Joshua Carl escaped with minor burns.

SFO1 Wilson Tana said the cause of the blaze could be electrical in nature.

Ring key to woman under sink

By Jocelyn R. Uy

A RING found with a woman's skeleton that was discovered last week under a kitchen sink in Pasay City may lead police to her identity.

Police have discovered a couple's name engraved on the ring, which was found along with a necklace and a pair of earrings.

"It read 'Josephine-Rey,'" PO3 Roderick Dean Carza told the INQUIRER.

Pasay Chief Insp. Joaquin Alva said "Josephine" could be the name of the woman, whose body was wrapped in blankets and then put under the sink of a room at 130 Maginhawa Street.

Her remains, believed to have been entombed under the sink for two years, were discovered Thursday last week by a worker doing repairs on the room.

Carza said the woman could have been killed in a crime of passion.

Room owner Violeta Pilapil earlier told police that a couple rented the room two years ago.

She added that the man, whom neighbors called "Rudy"—not Rey—suddenly left, saying that he would be looking for his wife, who allegedly disappeared.

Alva said anyone missing a family member named Josephine could go to the police station to check out the identity of the victim.

Northwest Boeing 747 stalls on Naia runway

By Nikko Dizon

A NORTHWEST Airlines Boeing 747-400 aircraft stalled on the runway of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) yesterday morning after its pilot reportedly miscalculated a turn, an airport official said.

Flight NW 020, carrying 403 passengers and bound for Minneapolis via Narita, was preparing for takeoff at 8:40 a.m. when the incident took place.

Investigation showed that the pilots failed to follow the nose wheel guideline marker at Runway 06 and miscalculated the 180-degree turn in preparation for takeoff, according to Octavio Lina Jr., operations manager of the Manila International Airport Authority.

"They followed their own marker and went in the opposite direction," Lina said.

That put the aircraft in an awkward position, and two tractors were needed to reposition it.

After 40 minutes, the aircraft was cleared for takeoff. However, its pilot decided to return to Bay 10 to have the aircraft inspected.

Because of the incident, Air Macau flight NX 852, which was expected to arrive at Naia at 8:45 a.m., was diverted to Cebu. Singapore Airlines SQ 071, scheduled to leave Naia for Singapore, was delayed an hour.

Two Philippine Airlines flights, one bound for Hong Kong and the other for Singapore, were also delayed.

Smaller arriving and departing aircraft used Runway 1331 to avoid delays.

Lina explained that the 180-degree turn was needed while a portion of the runway was undergoing repair. The repairs began two weeks ago and are expected to be finished in 30 days.

METROBRIEFS

Las Piñas to hold monthly health fairs

THERE will soon be a health fair every month in Las Piñas City. Mayor Imelda Aguilar said she wanted to provide residents with basic services, especially as the economy takes a downturn. The health fairs to be held in the city's 20 barangays will provide medical services that will include eye refraction and cholesterol level determination. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Gang heads arrested

THE LEADERS of two street gangs in Caloocan City have been arrested by police for their members' attacks on several barangay offices in the city. Chief Insp. Cresencio Galvez identified those arrested as Michael Avera, 19, and Michael Rollon, 22. Galvez said the gangs were also responsible for a series of robberies and cell phone snatchings in the city. Gang members have also reportedly terrorized residents. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

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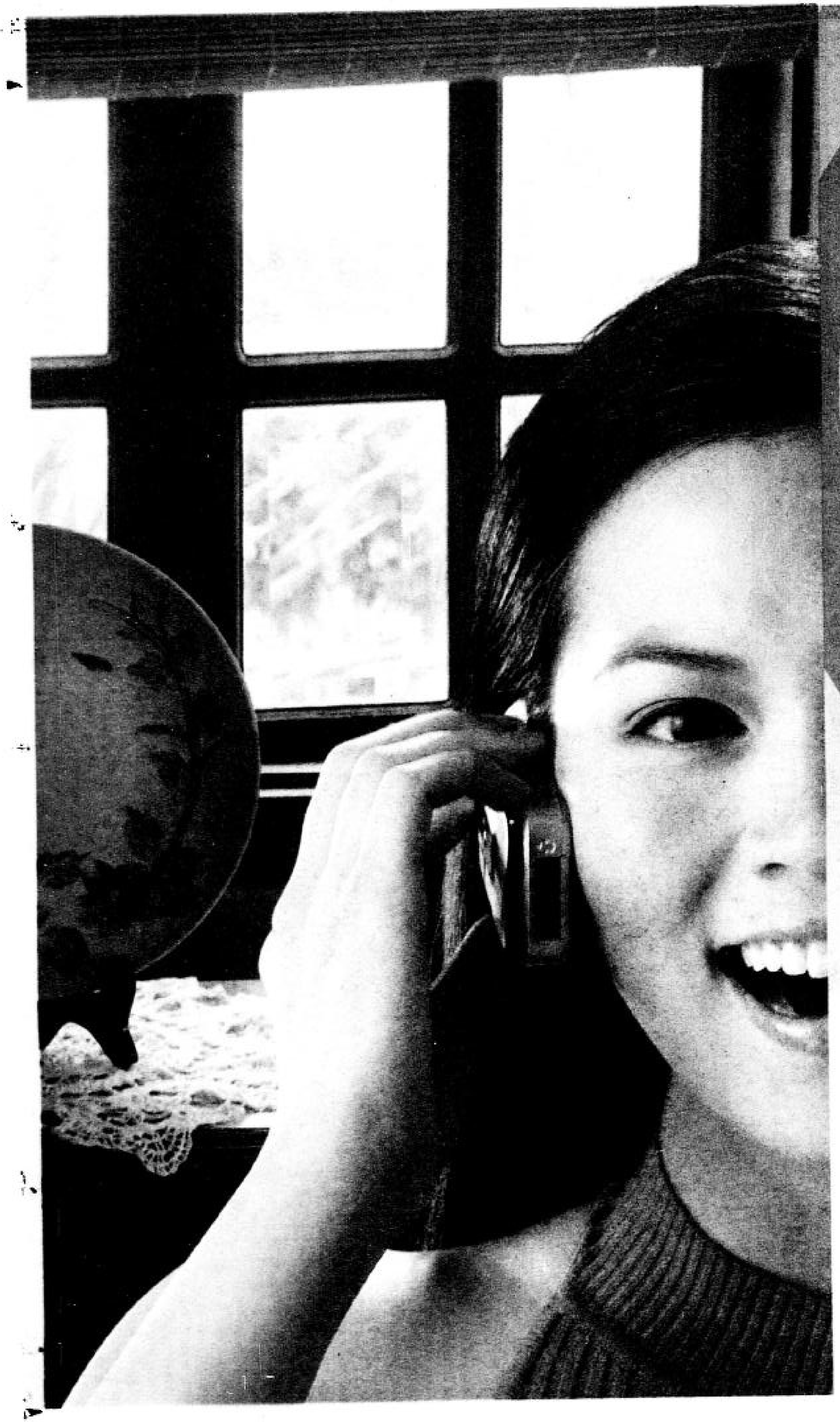

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Dolphins rip Lions; Knights up

GAMES TOMORROW (*Cuneta Astrodome*)
1 p.m.—San Beda vs PCU (Jrs)
2:30 p.m.—Perpetual vs Letran (Jrs)
4 p.m.—JRU vs St. Benilde (Jrs)

By Jasmine W. Payo

EVEN with their scoring leaders struggling, the Philippine Christian U Dolphins showed they have enough offensive weapon to finish off an opponent.

Jason Castro and Beau Belga teamed up for 31 points as the defending champions rolled to a 68-50 victory against the San Beda Lions in the 81st NCAA basketball season-opener yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

"We distributed the scoring options," said Junel Baculi after his successful coaching debut in the collegiate ranks. "It was an off-night for (Robert) Sanz and Gabby (Espinas)."

In the second game, the Letran Knights outclassed the University of Perpetual Help Altas, 63-54.

Forward Eric Rodriguez led the Knights' balanced offense with 15 markers, while Aaron Aban added 12. Fritz Bauzon led the Altas with 25 points.

"We miss Ronjay (Enrile)," said coach Louie Alas, referring to Letran's hotshot guard who skipped the season to focus on his studies. "It's a good thing Mark (Andaya) also delivered and Aaron played well."

Although Espinas played with a bruised left knee, last season's Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year awardee still delivered five points, seven rebounds and five blocks for the Dolphins. Sanz chipped in nine markers.

The pumped-up Belga powered the Dolphins to an early double-digit advantage, 31-21. With the Lions unable to buy a basket, the Dolphins padded the lead to 15 points, 42-27, in the third period.

Yousif Aljamal tried to spark a comeback, pushing the Lions within seven, 46-39, early in the fourth quarter. But a Ramon Retaga triple followed by Castro's three-point play put the margin back in double figures, 52-39.

The Dolphins added a fantastic finish to boot with Castro drilling a triple and Lisztian Amparado nailing a midcourt shot at the buzzer.

The Letran starters fueled the offense for the Knights, who turned a deadlock at 31 into a 39-33 edge in the third period.

Bauzon tried to carry the Altas single-handedly, but the Knights continued their strong play to stretch the margin, 50-39, midway in the fourth quarter.

Mapua banked on the 17 points of rookie Kelvin dela Peña to trounce San Sebastian, 81-70, in the third game

The Scores:

First game

PCU 68—Castro 16, Belga 15, Retaga 10, Sanz 9, Amparado 6, Espinas 5, Garrido 3, Cecilia 2, Solis 2, Santos 0, Salangsang 0.

SAN BEDA 50—Aljamal 14, Angles 12, Gamalinda 12, Menor 5, Baldivia 4, Paterno 2, Cruz 1, Taganas 0, Arbole 0, Tecson 0, Tirona 0, Antonio 0, Timonera 0.

Quarters: 21-15, 35-26, 44-35, 68-50.

Second game

LETRAN 63—Rodriguez 15, Aban 12, Alcaraz 9, Aldave 9, Bautista 7, Andaya 6, Piñera 2, Balneg 2, Quinday 1, Realista 0, Mondragon 0.

PERPETUAL 54—Bauzon 25, Refuerzo 12, Joe 7, Apor 7, Racho 2, Misa 1, Balboa 0, Manuel 0, Mendoza 0, Reyes 0.

Quarters: 19-18, 27-27, 41-36, 63-54.

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San Mig, TNT eye title slots

GAMES TODAY
(*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:15 p.m.—Red Bull Barako vs San Miguel Beer
6:35 p.m.—Shell vs Talk 'N Text

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THOUGH ecstatic after pulling off pivotal Game 3 victories, San Miguel Beer and Talk 'N Text know that the title slots in the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference will not be handed them on silver platters.

With similar 2-1 leads over Red Bull and Shell in the best-of-five playoffs, the Beermen and the Phone Pals seek to seal their spots in the title series tonight at the Araneta Coliseum.

Talk 'N Text and San Miguel have taken the same routes so far in the final four, with both winning Games 1 and 3 convincingly.

And both coaches know that the bigger task is finishing off their foes—which is easier said than done.

"It's a blessing that we got back the advantage," said Talk 'N Text coach Joel Banal. "But against Shell, you can never relax. They don't easily give up."

The Phone Pals clash with Shell at 6:35 p.m., right after the Beermen mix it up with Red Bull in the 4:15 opener.

"They (Barako) have a penchant for pulling off victories, especially when their backs are against the wall," said San Miguel's Jong Uichico. "We should watch out for that."

Red Bull got this far by posting stunning come-from-behind victories against Barangay Ginebra and Alaska.

The Barako overhauled a 27-point deficit to dethrone the Gin Kings in the final game of their wild-card match-up before rallying from 21 points down against the Alaska Aces in the rubber match of their quarterfinal pairing to earn the right to face the Beermen here.

Ace Custis debuted with 26 points and is looming to be a better offensive weapon than Chris Burgess for the Beermen.

With Burgess injured, the last-minute change in San Miguel's lineup caught the Barako unaware and Yeng Guiao is expected to employ a better defensive ploy on Custis to extend their series to a deciding game.

The Turbochargers, meanwhile, will have to contain Jerald Honeycutt, Mark Telan and Yancy de Ocampo inside to have a decent shot at staying alive against the Phone Pals.

Asi Taulava will still be in the freezer, at least for this game, though Banal admitted that his 6-foot-9 center is in decent shape.

"He's (Taulava) in shape and he's ready. Asi's been practicing with us and hopefully he could join the team soon," said Banal. *June Navarro*

RP routs Singapore, battles India for 5th

TEAM Philippines massacred Singapore, 83-41, to secure a spot in the battle for fifth place in the 21st Fiba-Asia Championship for Women in Qinhuangdao City, China.

Felisyl Lizondra, a 5-foot-1 point guard, led the Nationals with 18 points as the Philippines clashes with India today for its final standing.

Three Filipinas alternated in putting the cuffs on Singaporean ace Lin Lin, a 5-foot-11 guard who was limited to six markers in the game.

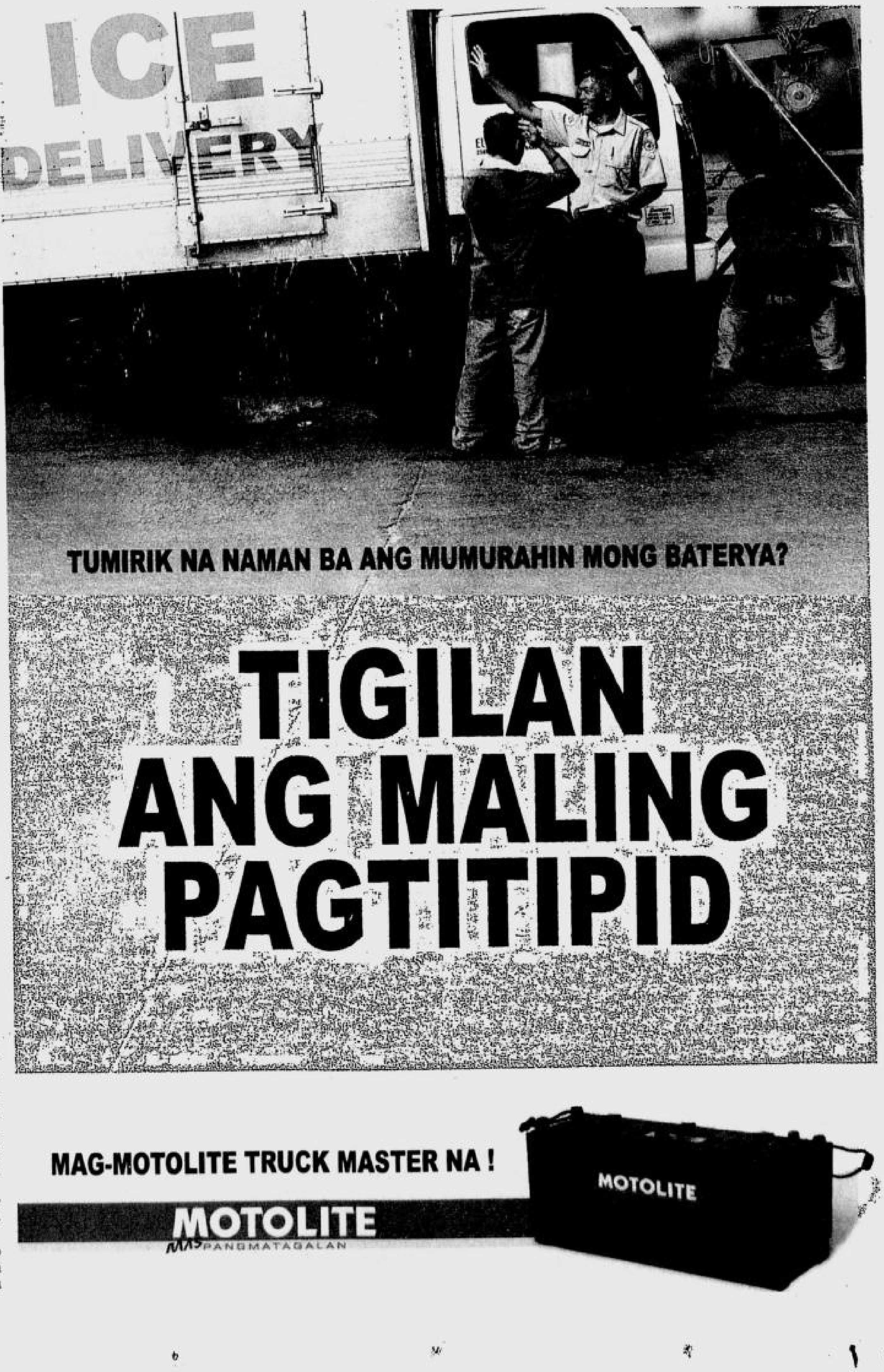
Marsha Faustino, Beng Reyes and the pretty 5-foot-8 Fil-Japanese Machiko Mitsuno held Lin in check throughout as the Philippines rebounded from stinging losses to Kazakhstan and Korea.

"Our game plan was perfectly executed," relayed coach Mon Celis to Basketball Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim. "The energy level of the players remained high despite previous loses."

The runaway win gave Celis the luxury of using all 12 players and exposing them to the international brand of play.

"Every player contributed, they played their role to the hilt," said assistant coach Shella Cabagat.

Thailand and Malaysia are also competing to test the opposition in the coming Manila Southeast Asian Games.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Antonio, 2 others share chess lead

GRANDMASTER Joey Antonio subdued Fide Master Fernie Donguines in 47 moves of a Trompovsky to share the lead with IM Jayson Gonzales and NM Oliver Barbosa in the controversy-marred Men's Standard Chess Grand Finals at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

They have 1.5 points each after the second round on Friday.

Gonzales, whose first round win over brother-in-law FM Jesse Noel Sales was questioned by Antonio and other finalists, agreed to a 16-move draw with GM Nelson Mariano II. Barbosa scalped FM Oliver Dimakiling in 47 moves of a Torre Attack.

International Master Mark Paragua opened his campaign with a victory over fellow IM Ronald Dableo on Friday.

Paragua, the first to take a bye in the 11-man Close tournament, attacked early and kept the pressure on his opponent to prevail after 39 moves of a Caro Kann.

Sales showed no ill effects of loose bowel movement in trouncing IM Richard Bitoon in 45 moves of an English Opening.

NM Julius de Ramos had a bye.

Extensive training for Pinoy athletes

FROM China, national athletes can look forward to more training stints in Australia, Bulgaria and even the United States.

This was the promise made by Philippine Sports Commission chair Butch Ramirez to more than 200 athletes who are now in the thick of preparation for the Southeast Asian Games the country will host this November.

In an overseas call from Beijing, the PSC chief reported that the national athletes have expressed their gratitude and satisfaction training with the world-renowned athletes from mainland China under the RP-China sports partnership program he helped revived with First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

"Our athletes and coaches are very happy with the opportunity to train here in China," he said. "It is our desire now at the PSC to send deserving gold potentials for the Olympics not only to China, but to Australia, Bulgaria and the US."

Top Filipino athletes have been training in China since March and some of them will stay there until October before coming home in time for the Nov. 27 to Dec. 5 SEAG. *Marc Anthony Reyes*

Tribu Sugbu downs Iligan

MINGLANILLA—Defending champion Tribu Sugbu dodged the upset axe, turning back the Iligan Crusaders, 81-74, in overtime Friday night in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the Sports Center here.

Marvin Mercado atoned for his woeful 5-of-15 free throw shooting by scoring six points in the extra period to power the Skygo/Sirlitz-backed Cebuanos to their fourth win in five games.

Former Adamson University Falcon Mark Kong muffed the second of his two charities with barely nine-tenth of a second left to keep Tribu alive and spoil the bid of Mayor Lawrence Cruz's Crusaders for their fourth win.

The Cebuanos trailed from the start but stayed within striking distance with the help of Mercado, who finished with 19 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks.

"I have to give the boys credit for their desire to win," said Tribu coach Al Solis. "They gave everything they have."

Over at the C.P. Tiñga gym in Taguig, host Forward Taguig crushed the Zanorte Hornbills, 104-74, to fortify its Northern Conference title campaign.

Mayor Freddie Tiñga's Taguig cagers improved their record to 5-1 in the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Accel, Molten, Spring Cooking Oil, Far Eastern Insurance, Nature's Spring, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz Solutions Porvider, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam Corp., KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Ping Ping Lechon, Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

Action continues at 6 p.m. today with the Mantawi (Mandaue) Sparkling Nights seeking their second win against the Crusaders at the Mandaue Cultural/Sports Center.

Burlington Cup semis tomorrow

IT will be Wilcon Builders versus Memory Magic and Philippine Star against GNC in the semis of the 4th Burlington Friendship Cup at the Philippine Buddhacare Academy Gym in Quezon City tomorrow.

The winners of the two matches will face each other for the title on July 3 while the losers will dispute third place in the annual tournament also sponsored by Memory Magic, Jimac and Accel.

Last Sunday, defending champion GNC of the Borromeos earned the right to face Phil. Star when it repulsed Shocks XT, 101-88, in the quarterfinals.

Reneboy Banzali , Bong de la Cruz, Jaboy Palermo and the Borromeo brothers, Aly and JV, starred for GNC in the victory that moved the leading health and food supplement retail chain closer to retaining its title.

In the other quarterfinals match, the PRC Couriers of Alex Wang beat Memory Magic of Jason Lee which had a twice-to-beat edge, 100-92, but later withdrew from the knockout game when some of its players figured in a fight with the referees.

In the Bio-Fresh socks ladies free throw tilt, it will be Shocks XT vs GNC and Memory Magic vs Phil Star. Boy Ong is the commissioner and Teddy S. Pereña of Teamsports is the project director of Burlington Cup.

TEAM captains of the different schools, league officials and guest of honor Freddie Webb (third from left) showed their unity in the opening of the NCAA yesterday. ***(Story on Page A17)***

Orcollo squeaks past Taiwanese

DENNIS Orcollo blew hot and cold before pulling off a 7-6 squeaker over Taiwanese Kuo Po-cheng in the opening round of the Philippine International Open 9-Ball Championship qualifier yesterday at the Robinson's Galleria Trade Hall.

But Orcullo had mixed feelings about the victory after drawing Marlon Manalo in the second round.

"I don't know if I have to be happy with the win because my next foe is very strong," Orcollo said in Filipino.

Manalo, recent back-to-back winner in the US Billiards Tour, drew a bye in the opening round.

Orcollo, from Surigao, looked headed for a trouble-free victory in the alternate break match after posting a 4-1 lead. But Kuo refused to just roll over and die.

Struggling with his break, Kuo turned to his safety game and got better results. As Orcollo's pocketing turned sour, the visitor stepped on the gas and caught the home bet on the hill.

Orcullo flirted with disaster in the final rack by missing a tough angular shot on the blue two. But Kuo muffed an easier shot on the same ball, allowing the Filipino to wrap up the match.

The loss relegated Kuo to the losers' bracket where another defeat would mean elimination.

Eight players with undefeated cards after the third round will advance to the main draw starting June 27.

The third-round losers will face the survivors in the losers' bracket to fill up the last four slots.

Aside from Manalo and Orcullo, the other marquee players that may collide on or before the third round of the double elimination qualifier are last year's world pool runner-up Chang Pei-wei and veteran campaigner Venancio Tanio, Rodolfo Luat and top Malaysian Patrick Ooi and recent Asian Tour winner Ronnie Alcano and Leonardo Andam.

Seeded in the tournament co-organized by Puyat Sports and Solar Sports are home bets Efren "Bata" Reyes, Francisco "Django" Bustamante and Alex Pagulayan, Americans Johnny Archer, Gabe Owen, Corey Deuel, Rodney Morris and Charlie Williams.

Also waiting in the main draw are European pool stars Mika Immonen and Thorsten Hohmann and Taiwanese big guns Yang Ching Shun and Wu Chia Ching. Catch the action live on Solar Sports from 2 p.m.

Corteza tops Cebu tilt

CEBU CITY—Denied of the Sun Star Superbalita 9-Ball crown by Ronnie Alcano, Lee Van Corteza satiated his own thirst by winning the international side event of this twin competition late Thursday night.

Relegated to the audience seat by finals protagonists Alcano and eventual runner-up Dennis Orcollo, Corteza found consolation in winning over six international players, led by Finland's Mika Immonen and Denmark's Marcus Chamat, who joined the side event.

Corteza's efforts earned him a Hong Kong trip for two, aside from the P25,000 he earned as third placer in the Class A division.'

Listed as fourth in the seven-man race, which featured a "challenge the winner" contest until one player had earned six wins to his name, the Davao City bet ended Chamat's two-game win streak and started his own run.

The tournament, also backed by Touch Mobile and supported by Café Puro and Outlast Battery, served as a preview for Cue Masters, a new billiard show produced by Rocketman Enterprises on IBC-13.

Despite their defeat, Chamat and Immonen still praised the field for giving them a tough challenge while saluting the big crowd for the warm reception they got from the Cebuano people.

SPORTSWATCH

JVC Open elims on at PowerSmash

HIGH school matches kick off the 2005 JVC Open Badminton Championships today with 16 teams, including 10 in the boys side, clashing for semifinal berths at the PowerSmash in Makati City. La Salle heads the list of aspirants in the boys division, putting in two teams—Zobel and Antipolo—while Poveda and Sienna College lead the cast in the girls category of the event sponsored by giant electronics firm JVC (Phils.) Inc. for the fifth straight year. Out to foil La Salle's bid in high school play, which offers P10,000 to the winner, are Xavier, Marcelo H. Del Pilar, Sienna, Perpetual Help, Arellano, Rizal High School, Little Mary Heart Montessori and Ateneo. Joining the hunt for the semis slots in the girls side are Woodrose, Rizal HS, Marcelo H. Del Pilar and Roosevelt-Marikina. Games start at 9 a.m. Winners in the day-long elims will advance to the semifinal round on July 4 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati.

Sportshouse Badminton Cup deadline

TOMORROW is the last day of registration for the 2005 Sportshouse Corporate and Celebrity Cup Badminton Championships which will be held July 18-24 at the Club 650 and SM Megamall Atrium. Teams which have signed up in the event co-presented by Carlton are PLDT, San Miguel Powerade, Meralco, Pagcor, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine Star, Pilipinas Shell, IBC-13, NBI, Carlton, Dunlop, Ateneo Technomarine, Crossover 105.1, 3M Philippines and Celestron Cable TV. Interested parties may contact tournament hotline 899-8920 and look for MonLindo (0919-3428880) or email at teampowerplay@yahoo.com.

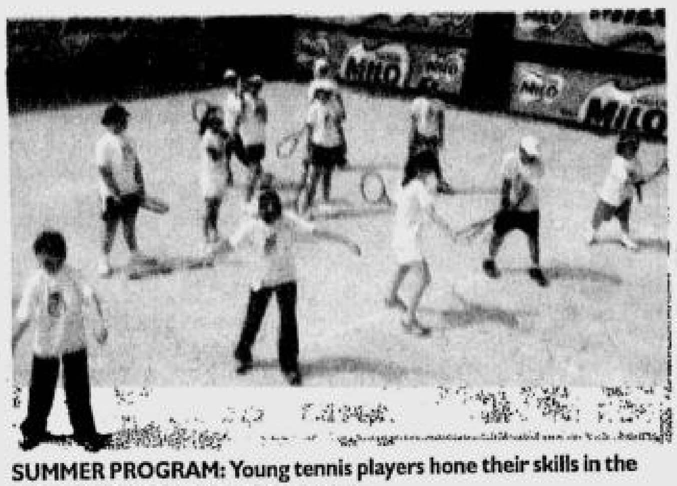
San Andres stamps class in Supercross

SAN ANDRES

KENNETH San Andres of the Revtex team solidified his status as the country's best young rider, scoring back-to-back victories in the Expert Open Production division of the Camel Supercross International Championship series 2005 at the Talisay Stadium in Bacolod City. The 2004 Rookie of the Year, aboard his KTM 125 bike, conquered the muddy race track and fashioned out the twin kill over Kenneth Belleza and Geovani Leyva before 5,000 fans. So dominant was the eight-time National Peewee and Mini-Class champion that his rivals trailed him by as much as an entire lap in both heats of the event organized by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa). "It was extremely difficult to maneuver one's bike in that kind of a muddy race course, but Kenneth did so well amid the extreme conditions," said San Andres' father-coach Jun-Jun, who placed 2nd in the Veterans' Division. San Andres, who is also backed by Caltex Revtex, Oakley, KTM, Bridgestone, HJC Helmet, Renthal, Alpine Star, UFO, Fox, JBS Motorcycle Shop and GCG Pipes, flew yesterday to Macau for the 3rd leg of the 2005 FIM Asian Motocross Championships that started yesterday. San Andres, a first year college student at MCU, is running sixth overall among Asia's best riders in the Pro 124 category of the FIM Asia-Pacific Motocross Championships. In the list of San Andres' winning streak are the 1st Gov. Lray Villafuerte Invitational Motocross and the Vice Gov. James Calisin-organized Magayon Festival Invitational Motocross.

Submission of weights for Makati derby

SUBMISSION of entries for Makati Coliseum's big time 4-cock derby will be held today. Hosted by promoters Lito Orillaza, lawyer Rudy Salud and William Co of Winning Time Jobo Sports and Gaming Corp., the event takes place tomorrow with more than 70 fights. Entries, with weight limits ranging from 1.8 kg to 2.4 kg must be submitted to the Makati Coliseum office (31 Mascardo St., Brgy. Singkamas, Makati City). For inquiries, contact 896-3545 or 895-6475 and 895-6453. Up for grabs is a guaranteed prize of P500,000 for an entry fee of P15,000. Meanwhile, PA and Jun Complexor 3000 of *sabong* idol Patrick Antonio and Jun Topacio of Cavite topped the NCA Super Special 6-Cock Derby Thursday night.



SUMMER PROGRAM: Young tennis players hone their skills in the recent Milo summer tennis program.

La Salle, UST spikers joint leaders

LA SALLE survived San Sebastian in a thrilling first-set duel before coasting to a 32-30, 25-15, 25-13 victory yesterday and gain a share of the lead in the semifinal round of the 2005 Shakey's V-League first conference at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The Lady Archers took the best dished out by the Stags in the longest-ever set disputed in the tournament before asserting their supremacy and boosting their bid for a second straight championship after ruling the second conference of the event last February.

It was La Salle's third win in four games, putting the Taft-based spikers nearer to the championship round with two playdates left in the semis phase of the event sponsored by Shakey's Pizza.

University of Santo Tomas joined its arch rival at the helm later in the night as it nipped stubborn Ateneo, 25-21, 25-21, 19-25, 19-25, 16-14, in a game that took two hours and five minutes to finish.

Joyce Pano came through with a kill to break a 14-all count in the decider then Mary Jean Balse clinched the victory for UST with a superb block that gave the Tigresses their third win against a lone setback.

The Tigresses rolled to victories in the first two sets and looked headed to a trouble-free evening until the Lady Eagles came out smoking in the third frame which they sustained to take the fourth, setting the stage for a decider.

Both teams fought it out neck-and-neck in the fifth with the fans screaming and applauding for every spike and block made until Pano rose to the occasion with that crucial hit at endgame and Balse securing the win with that all-important block.

Ateneo dropped to 2-2.

The classic UST-Ateneo match will be aired at 7 tonight on IBC-13.

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Al S. Mendoza

THE SAN Antonio Spurs are the NBA champions for the second time in three years, beating the Detroit Pistons in a Game 7 (81-74) that had stars unbelievably outshining themselves.

Tim Duncan won his third MVP trophy and anyone contesting that ought to be sent to Siberia.

Manu Ginobili added an NBA title to his Olympic gold medal in Athens and he richly deserved it.

Robert Horry collected his sixth NBA ring and if he were given an extra ring, I wouldn't mind. His Game 5 winner from three-point country with 5.9 ticks left was more than a 24-carat diamond.

Duncan was averaging one point per minute in the last 18 minutes of Game 7, scoring 17 after struggling with only 8 points in the first half.

Duncan banked on his bank shot to bail the Spurs out after the Pistons had sped to a 9-point margin.

When Duncan couldn't hit due to a double team on him, he kicked out killer after killer. One such killer was a pass when he got bottled up in the paint. Ginobili, left alone in the right quarter court, received it and flung the three that gave San Antonio a commanding 72-63 lead.

Duncan had 25 for the night, including 11 rebounds, while Ginobili tossed in 23. Together with the 15 of Horry, the three stars combined for 51 of San Antonio's 81 points.

"I got a roll there for a while, my shots were falling, and it felt good," said Duncan. "My teammates continued to throw the ball to me. One shot fell, and another one fell, and we were rolling on."

"He started to play really well," said Ginobili of Duncan. "I knew he was going to show up and play well tonight. That shows what kind of person he is."

Said Duncan: "We didn't do anything special we hadn't done in the first six games. We did it the right way, we proved we could get it done."

But Horry did something more than special.

He became the 12th player to win six NBA championship rings. Bill Russell had 11 and seven other Celtics had 6 like Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

Winning 3 as a Los Angeles Laker and 2 as a Houston Rocket, Horry's latest victory was also special as he hasn't lost a single NBA championship during the six times he was in a Finals series.

It was a series like no other, the first one that went the full route in 11 years.

The four blowouts to start the series progressed quickly into a thriller after thriller after thriller that when it was over, the Spurs were hoisting their third cup in seven seasons under Gregg Popovich.

Popovich warmly embraced Larry Brown after the game.

"He is the best coach ever," said Popovich of Brown.

It was Brown who gave Popovich the break to become a full time coach.

Brown was more than a mentor, becoming Popovich's best man during his wedding.

It appeared to me like Popovich wouldn't let go of Brown during that embrace. When he did, I could see pain etched in the eyes of Popovich.

At times, happiness is also tinged with sadness.

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FASTBREAK. Mon and Becky de Leon, the happy couple from Sydney, are in town. The lovebirds, who are hardcore vegetarians, gave Sol and I some unforgettable moments after I had finished covering the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Welcome home, Mon and Becky. Enjoy your vacation.

Gejon blows minifly title bid

PHILIPPINE minifly champion Elmer Gejon yesterday lost by a majority decision to South African Tshepo Lefele in their 12-round bout, but found solace in a post-fight pronouncement made by Lefele's promoter that it was indeed Gejon who should have won the fight. The Mandaue City-based Gejon absorbed a 114-114, 113-115, 113-115 beating to Lefele in their 12-round war for the vacant WBC minifly title at the Orient Theatre in East London, South Africa. Gejon's manager Rex "Wakee" Salud, said fight promoter Branco Milenkovic texted him, informing that in his view, Gejon should have won the fight. ***Salvan Lagumbay***

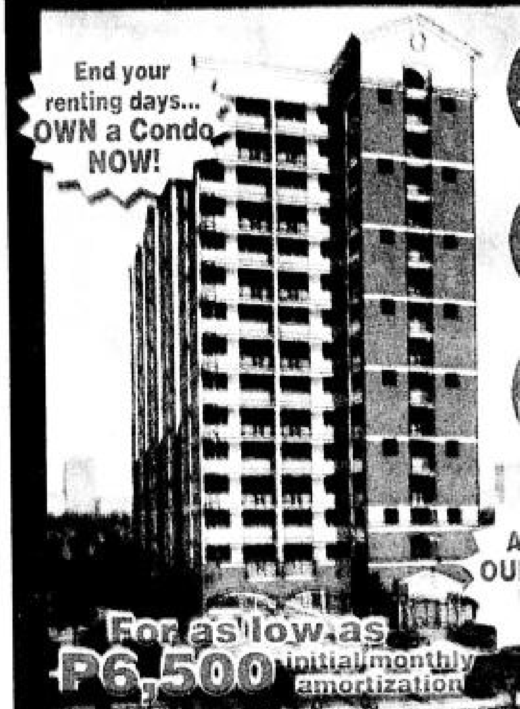
Orly wins

UNHERALDED Orly Villanueva exploited the early retirement of the big guns to rule the elite pro division over two other of newcomers in the Manila leg of the Cycling Search Invitational Series late Friday night inside Intramuros.

The 23-year-old pride of San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija, led throughout in bagging the individual prize of P3,000 for an auspicious debut in criterium racing of the event backed by the Philippine Postal Corp., Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and TCL Project.

The son of vegetable hawkers, whose early claim to fame was finishing third in the fourth leg of the 2004 Tour Pilipinas, scored 30 points in the first of the four-stop bikefest.

Guimba town's Alfredo Asuncion and Edmar Magbitang placed 2-3 and got P2,000 and P1,000, respectively, in the first leg of the CSI also supported by Maximum Electronics, Avia and the Manila Sports Council.



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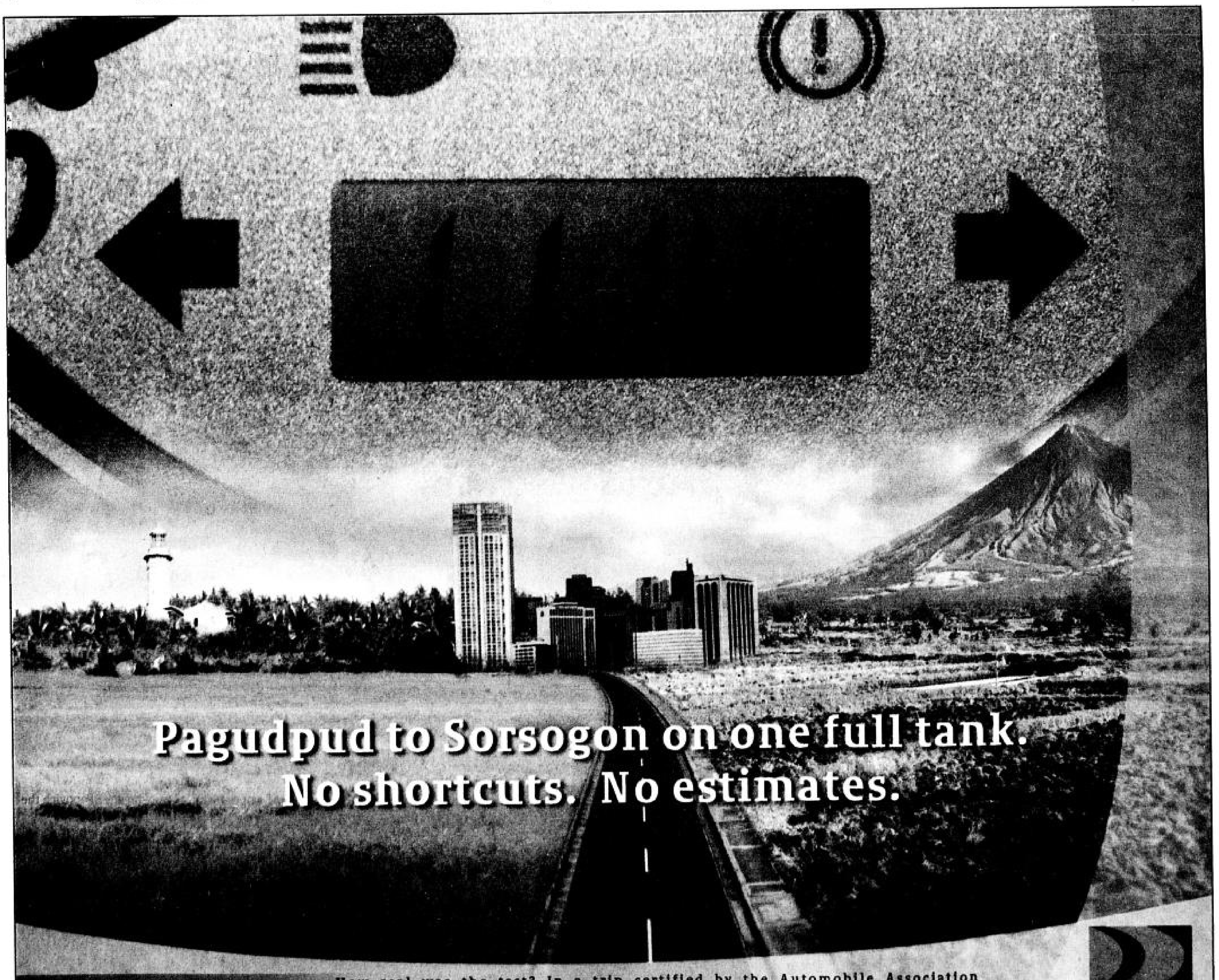
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Speed Advantage tests Real Spicy anew today

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

SPEED Advantage's recent loss somewhat tainted his reputation as the galloper to beat in the Triple Crown this year, leaving one big question that will be answered in the second leg today: Has the balance now shifted in favor of Real Spicy?

After winning the opening leg (Cojuangco Cup) in impressive style, Speed Advantage takes on Real Spicy again, hoping to nail down the J.V. Ongpin Cup against an arch rival bent on stopping him at all cost.

Scene of the highly awaited race to be disputed over 1,750 meters is the San Lazaro Leisure Park where Real Spicy remains unbeaten in his last seven outings.

It is also where Speed Advantage suffered a bitter setback last June 11, not against Real Spicy, but from a filly who only two days ago came in a hard-fighting second in the Gran Copa Division I contest.

The defeat inflicted by Cool Runnings casts doubts on whether the son of Royal Premiere could repeat over the progeny of Real Quiet as they brace for the second jewel of the annual series among 3-year-old chargers.

Also given a strong chance to vie for the P1-million winner's prize is Thywillbedone, winner of the May 22 Hopeful Stakes and who pulled Speed Advantage down to third spot in that June 11 Class Division encounter against Cool Runnings.

Rounding out this afternoon's field are Speed Majesty, Tiger Song and In Command.

"Racing fans deserve to see an honest, evenly fought race and I hope they'll get one in the Ongpin Cup," said Hermie Esguerra, Real Spicy's noted owner-breeder.

In their first meeting last March 20, Speed Advantage beat Real Spicy during a protest-marred Chairman's Cup race during which Speed Majesty played a big role in his coupled bet's win.

But Real Spicy bounced back to edge Speed Advantage in the Crown Prince Abdullah Cup (April 3), before the latter scored a convincing win in the Cojuangco Cup (May 22).

Fernando Raquel Jr. gets the ride again on Speed Advantage, the same as ace rider Pat Dilema on Real Spicy.

"I have a lot of faith in my mount," said Dilema in Filipino. Real Spicy clocked a fast 1:27.5 in a recent Class Division assignment.

RACING TIPS

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Race 1—1. Like Kevin 2. Long Road/Ocean Dignity 3. Riah's Bell
Race 2—1. Western Dancer 2. House of Riches 3. Formidable Ella
Race 3—1. Erika's Talent 2. Manila's Smile/Golden Number 3. Cool Town 4. Kat's Magic 5. Mighty Story 6. Royal Lady
Race 4—1. Kaligatan 2. Dixie the Younger 3. Virgin Island
Race 5—1. Ocean Deep/War Alert 2. Vivere 3. Smokin' Red 4. Wind Runner
Race 6—1. Refreshing 2. Uncle Buck 3. Wine and Roses 4. Sweet Felicity
Race 7—1. Real Spicy 2. Speed Advantage 3. Thywillbedone
Race 8—1. Presidentiable 2. My Lady Hannah 3. Magic Dancer 4. Mr. Bonjing 5. Iron Will
Race 9—1. Nothing Impossible 2. Sound Value 3. Andee's Wind
Race 10—1. Golden Cat 2. Unrivaled 3. Super Shuttle 4. Maayo Kaayo
Race 11—1. Empire State 2. All Class 3. Wing Away
Race 12—1. Blue Face 2. Play It Again 3. Traktora 4. Guided Missile
Race 13—1. Nureyev Heiress 2. Music Quest 3. Wrecking Ball 4. Best Hand 5. Smart Kevin 6. Caballero

RP archers place 13th

MADRID—The Philippines' women's compound team of Sydney Olympian Jannifer Chan, Southeast Asian Games gold medalist Joann C. Tabañag and Amaya Paz dropped a heartbreaking 238-239 decision to Sweden Friday and landed 13th overall in the 43rd World Archery Outdoor Championships here.

It was a big blow to the Filipinos' campaign, which is bankrolled by San Miguel Corp., after they had earned the fifth seeding for scoring 4030 points in the qualifying round.

If it was any consolation, however, the SMC-RP compound archers earned the distinction of being the lone Southeast Asian country to make it to the tough Olympic round.

"It's a good tuneup to our archers as we prepare for the SEA Games in Manila late this year," said archery president Dr. Lenora Fe S. Brawner, who led the compact SMC-RP squad.

India submitted the same score as the RP trio, but finished a rung lower because it collected only 4018 in the qualifications.

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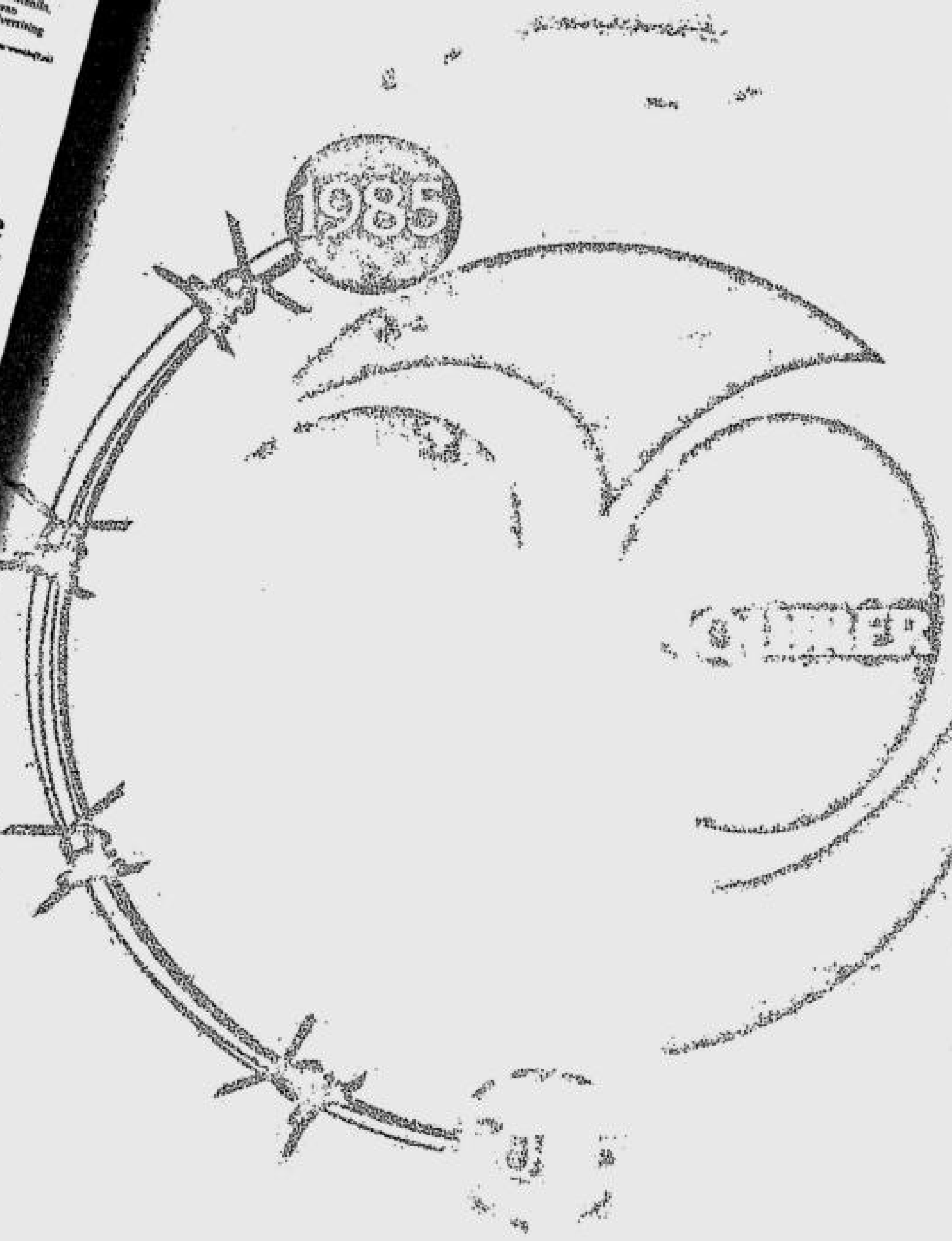

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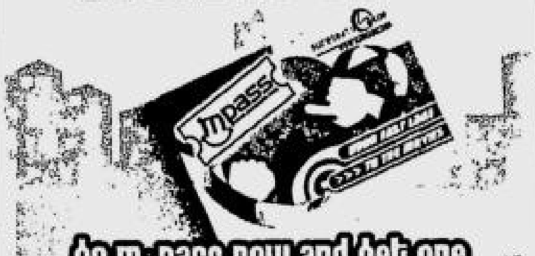

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St. Clare five tops NAASCU

ST. Clare College (Caloocan) beat AMA Computer University, 82-77, to capture the 2005 National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (NAASCU) summer basketball tournament at the UM gym recently.

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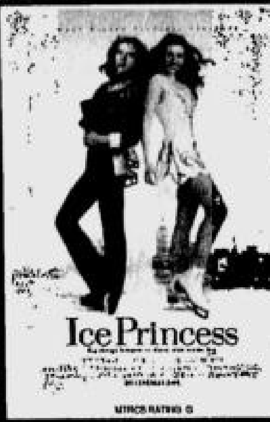
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Safin out, Roddick in

WIMBLEDON, England—Marat Safin's newfound confidence on grass faded fast Friday.

The big Russian came up short in his bid for a second Grand Slam title this year, losing to Spain's Feliciano Lopez, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3, in the third round at Wimbledon.

Safin, who threatened to stop trying at Wimbledon after losing in the first round last year, entered this year's tournament upbeat and easily won his first two matches. But he was outserved by Lopez and quickly became so frustrated he launched a ball onto the Court 1 roof in anger, prompting a warning from the chair umpire.

"I just couldn't really find my game," said Safin, the Australian Open champion. "He's a tough player. What do you want me to do? I can't play my best tennis every day. I didn't really play bad."

No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick needed two days and five sets to beat Daniele Bracciali, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 4-6, 6-3. The second-round match was halted Thursday after three sets because of darkness, and again for 33 minutes Friday because of the tournament's first rain delay.

Roddick, who hit 23 aces and was broken just once in 26 service games, had lost his past five five-set matches. AP

OTHER THIRD ROUND RESULTS:

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MEN—Taylor Dent (24), United States, def. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3. Lleyton Hewitt (3), Australia, def. Justin Gimelstob, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-5. Fernando Gonzalez (21), Chile, def. Joachim Johansson (11), Sweden, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Mario Ancic (10), Croatia, def. Gael Monfils, France, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. Mikhail Yduzhny (31), Russia, leads Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 4-4 (30-30), susp., rain.

WOMEN—Amelie Mauresmo (3), France, def. Shenay Perry, United States, 6-0, 6-2. Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, def. Antonella Serra Zanetti, Italy, 6-3, 6-2. Elena Dementieva (6), Russia, def. Mashona Washington, United States, 7-5, 6-1. Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, def. Nicole Vaidisova (27), Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-2. Elena Likhovtseva (13), Russia, def. Silvia Farina Elia (22), Italy, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Anastasia Myskina (9), Russia, def. Jelena Jankovic (17), Serbia-Montenegro, 6-0, 5-7, 10-8.

Sorenstam bid hits a big obstacle

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado—Annika Sorenstam stumbled in her bid for a Grand Slam sweep of women's golf majors, firing a four-over par 75 here Friday to fall six strokes off the pace after 36 holes of the US Women's Open.

On a day when teen amateurs such as Michelle Wie and Morgan Pressel moved into contention for the crown, 34-year-old Swedish star Sorenstam slid back as Chile's Nicole Perrot fired her second one-under 70 to lead by two strokes.

Filipina Jennifer Rosales fired a 76 to pile up a two-round total of 148 and make the cut pegged at 150. Dorothy Delasin also barely made it, following her opening 80 with a 69 that gave her a two-round total of 149.

Wie, a 15-year-old American long driver who has made her fame by challenging men, joined Mexico's Lorena Ochoa on level par 142 in second with Americans Paula Creamer and Angela Stanford and Australia's Rachel Hetherington on 143. *AFP*

Delariarte paces Filipino golf bets

BRUNEI—Jherome Delariarte matched par 71 yesterday to tie for 35th place, 12 shots behind new leader Australian Terry Pilkadaris going into the final 18 holes of the Brunei Open at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

Pilkadaris sizzled with a 68 for a 15-under 198 total, one up on countryman Jarrod Lyle (69) and three ahead of overnight leader Danny Chia of Malaysia (72-201).

Delariarte, who had earlier rounds of 70-69, emerged the best-placed Filipino in the field at 210, a stroke ahead of veteran Danny Zarate, who had a third round 69.

Gerald Rosales, the Philippine Open runner-up last month, and Cassius Casas signed for a 73 and a 71, respectively, to tie for 45th spot with a Taiwanese and a Thai at 212.

Frankie Miñoza, the top Filipino scorer in the first round with a 67, followed a 74 with a 72 and stood at 213 even as Cookie La'O skied to a 77 and dropped to 214 in a tie with Angelo Que (73) and seven others.

Mayweather-Gatti up

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey—Floyd Mayweather Jr. has done just about everything you could ask of a fighter in the ring. In 33 fights, he's shown dazzling speed, knockout power and the kind of defense that can't be taught in a gym.

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What Cruise still won't say about the TomKat affair

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NEW YORK—**Tom Cruise** did not jump up and down his chair during our interview with him Thursday afternoon at the Essex House.

But he playfully knocked on the table to test if it was sturdy enough for him to do a repeat performance of his by-now-famous bouncing on **Oprah Winfrey's** sofa to declare before the TV audience that he is in love, yes, he is in love!

Cynics may scoff at the love affair of Tom and **Katie Holmes**, now nicknamed TomKat. But having interviewed Tom several times in the past, I can say that this is a less uptight, more accessible guy. He was open not only in discussing his romantic life but even in the way he dressed up. Where he would normally be dressed in a suit or a long-sleeved dress shirt, the superstar appeared in a short-sleeved black shirt, with several buttons undone, no-tan arms exposed.

The rain, too

The man who used to be very guarded during interviews—a master at being engaging without revealing much—repeated his public declarations for Katie. He was even effusive about the sudden rain soaking the trees (so green in summer) in Central Park right across the street. "I love that rain! Isn't that great?" gushed the man in love as he gazed at the windows showcasing the park in all its leafy glory.

The press con began with the obligatory questions about the movie "War of the Worlds," which he was promoting. This newest cinematic adaptation of **H.G. Wells'** classic book about alien invasion is a movie as entertaining as only **Steven Spielberg** can make it. It has spectacular effects, thrills, the dazzling screen presence of Tom and, best of all, **Dakota Fanning.** Only 10 at the time of the filming, Dakota has been declared an acting genius by Spielberg himself in a published interview. I experienced the fear from the invading aliens in this movie through this girl's eyes.

At this afternoon press con, it didn't take long for the personal questions to come. Tom was savvy enough to discern this and say, "I love it when you're about to ask a question and this smile comes on. It's like, okay, I've asked the movie question—now comes the personal question." (Later, when we joined a large group of US and international print and TV media folks for a press con with Tom and Steven Spielberg, the legendary filmmaker reacted to the first TomKat question by looking at his watch, putting on a mock surprised expression and saying, "Twenty minutes went by without that being asked!")

That laughter

In the past, Tom deflected personal questions in a very polite manner, of course. This time, with our small group, he let out his loud, deep, cackling laugh—that Tom Cruise laughter which should be a column topic by itself. And then he answered the TomKat questions.

A colleague congratulated Tom

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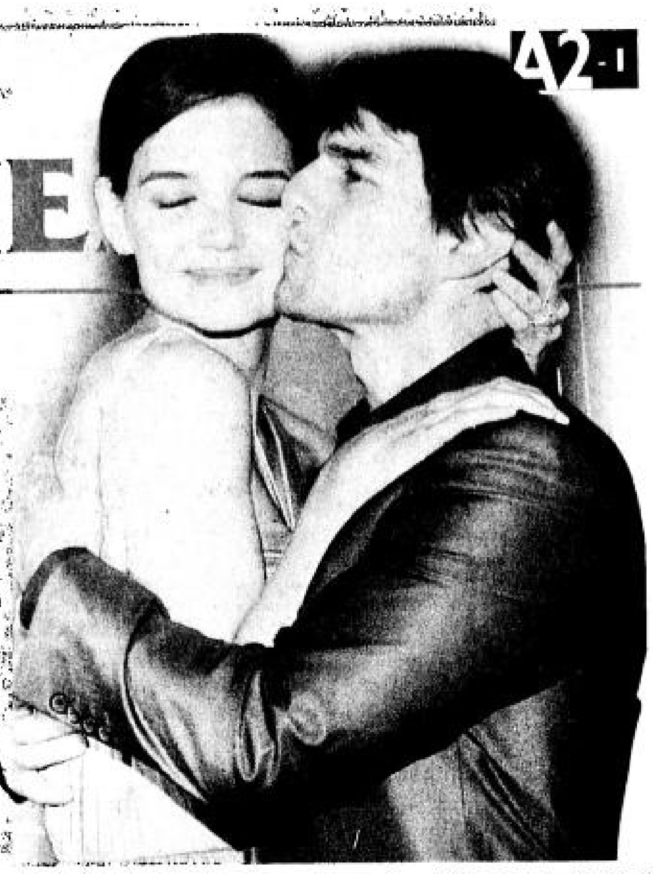

KATIE Holmes and Tom Cruise at the premiere of "War Of The Worlds."

It's all in the nose

LOS ANGELES—Hollywood's latest film remake of a TV show debuts this week with "Bewitched," but the twist in this tale is that director Nora Ephron has chosen to spoof moviemakers' obsession with remakes and image. Ephron's idea for the romantic comedy sprang from an image—of Nicole Kidman's nose—which has an uncanny resemblance to that of Elizabeth Montgomery, who played Samantha Stephens in the hit 1960s television program.

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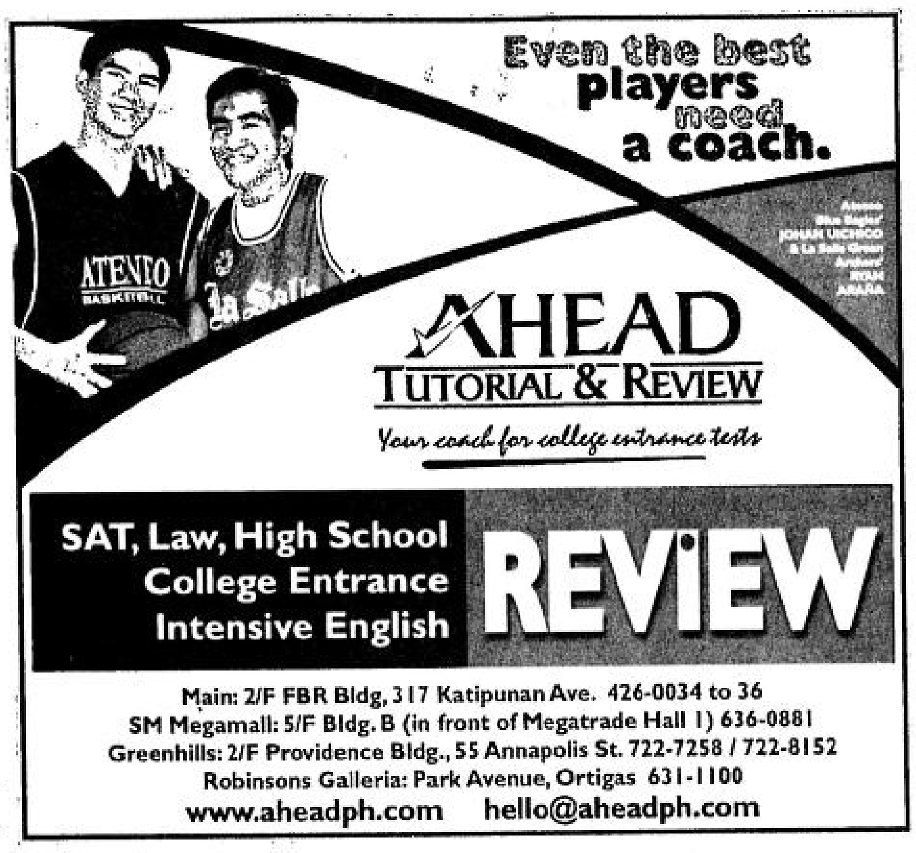

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"LUKSANG Tagumpay," 1956, with Jaime de la Rosa and Eddie Rodriguez

WITH 4-year-old Rudy Fernandez, also in "Luksang Tagumpay"

"PRINSIPE Amante," 1950, with Rogelio de la Rosa

Delia Razon

FIRST glamour portrait by Bob Razon, circa 1950

No damsel in distress

Delia Razon has always been the feisty sort. Even in her old LVN costume epics, she brandished swords, raced horses, and did her own stunts

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Roger Carpio
Additional photos courtesy of Delia Razon

IMAGINE: Delia Razon, dainty-looking damsel of the silver screen in the 1950s, always had the daredevil in her. In old LVN costume epics, she did her own stunts—horseback riding and engaging Rosa Rosal in sword fights.

"Rosa pierced my hip once," Delia declared, casually.

She "swashbuckled" with the best of 'em.

She recalled, not so fondly, how director Lamberto Avellana asked her to "jump from the top of the Guadalupe Church door to a waiting horse" in 1952's "Prinsipe Amante sa Rubitania."

"My goodness," she gasped. "That must've been a two-meter plunge! Bert Avellana was out to kill me, but he never succeeded! I told him that. He just laughed. If that horse had moved an inch, I would've been crippled."

Stunt women were unheard of at the time, Delia said; that was why star and director were constantly at loggerheads.

Scary Yoyong

She recounted: "Once, I was fuming mad and muttering. I didn't know the boom mike was on and he had the headphones on. He confronted me: 'Excuse me, would you mind repeating what you just said?' I just snubbed him.

IN "Dalagang Taring," 1955, with Vic Silayan

Later, back in LVN, he approached me, shook my hand and asked, 'Friends?'"

But Delia was "scared" of another master filmmaker, Gregorio "Yoyong" Fernandez, who megged the drama "Luksang Tagumpay."

She described Yoyong: "*Ay*, he was strict. Nice, but very stern. With him, business was business."

All her films were memorable, Delia explained, but "Luksang Tagumpay" topped her list because it yielded her lone Famas Best Actress nomination in 1957.

"It was heavy drama," she recounted. "Very challenging. Yoyong was the type of director who required his musical director, Nicanor Velarde, to always be on the set."

She remembered how once, after one take, Nicanor pulled her aside. "I knew he was going to scold me, so I was belligerent, 'Why? What's wrong with me?' "

Nicanor told her, "You don't listen to what your partner is saying."

She was defensive. "But I do! How else would I know where to come in!"

"Precisely," retorted Nicanor, "You are just waiting for your cue."

"My jaw dropped," she admitted. "At that time, I had been in the movies for five years. I had been handled by great directors and they never noticed that? It took a musical director to correct me. He told me: 'If you were really listening, your face wouldn't be blank. You would react to your partner's every word.'"

PRIZED pet Peewee

Happy to lose

That single, simple tip "changed my acting and my life."

From then on, she listened. "Even in everyday conversation, I would make sure to look at the face of whoever was speaking and understand, not just wait for the chance to butt in."

In "Luksang Tagumpay," she was torn between two men—Eddie Rodriguez as a blind soldier, and Jaime de la Rosa as an eye surgeon. In the same movie, Yoyong's 4-year-old son, Rudy Fernandez, made his acting debut as Delia's child.

"He was our pet," she said. "Even now, when he and wife Lorna Tolentino see me, they kiss me on the cheek as a sign of respect."

Even if she didn't win the Famas for it, "Luksang Tagumpay" was unforgettable for her.

"I was happy because I lost to a great actress and a great person," she said. Lolita Rodriguez brought home the trophy for "Gilda."

"REBELDE," 1958, with Mario Montenegro

"Luksang Tagumpay" won Best Picture.

Delia doesn't hide the fact that she has spent more than half her life in the world of show.

"It has been 54 years since I joined LVN," she noted.

It was Doña Sisang, or LVN matriarch Narcisa de Leon, who spotted Delia—Lucy May Gritz in real life—then a bit player in Mila del Sol's 1949 starrer, "Malaya." This was directed by Luisito Silos.

A German-American-Ilongga, Lucy May was soon offered a contract by Doña Sisang. "When I got home from my first meeting with Doña Sisang, I told my mom: '*Ma, ang ngalan ko* Delia Razon *na* (my new name is Delia Razon).'"

(Trivia: Doña Sisang borrowed the name Delia Razon from a character played by Carmencita Palma in the 1948 launching movie of Lilia Dizon, "Kaaway ng Babae." Delia's first LVN movie was "Krus na Bituin," again headlined by dear friend Lilia, followed by the hit "Prinsipe Amante," with Rogelio de la Rosa, which spawned the sequel "Prinsipe Amante sa Rubitania.")

"I was given Carmen Rosales' old dressing room," she pointed out.

YESTERDAY

Doña Sisang consistently acted with dispatch, recalled Delia. "One day, she told me to pack my bags. She had gotten a new house for me near the studio, so they could watch over me. I was already on my own by then. My mom had just passed away and my sister had migrated to the United States."

To say the least, the LVN producer was motherly.

"She encouraged us to save and invest our earnings wisely," Delia said. "She was always upset with Leroy Salvador and Tony Santos Sr. because of their carefree ways. The boys would often go to her office to ask for an advance. She'd frown and say: '*Walang pera!*' "

The "naughty boys" on the lot—Leroy, Tony, Jaime, Carlos Salazar, and Oscar Obligacion—were called "Markang Bungo." Delia found them fun to hang out with.

At the other end of the spectrum were the "good boys," Delia's chivalrous leading men—Rogelio, Vic Silayan, Mario Montenegro, Nestor de Villa, Armando Goyena. "All perfect gentlemen," Delia said. "They never cracked dirty jokes."

Most of these LVN men, except for Oscar, Carlos, and Armando, have since passed on.

WITH Nestor de Villa, also in "Dalagang Taring"

Like family

"How I miss them," Delia sighed. "LVN was like family."

These days, Delia and fellow LVN stars Armando and Lilia often meet up, to reminisce about the good old days.

"When I pray, I always thank God that I was born in the Philippines and that I was an actress in the 1950s," she said. "Times were different then. Actors were respected. That's why I pity the young stars now."

Although she "retired early" to focus on family (she married businessman Reli Reyes)—raising two daughters, one son, and nine grandchildren, including shampoo model Carla Angeline—she never completely left the scene.

Her old nemesis Bert Avellana would surely be pleased to know that, until now, she insists on doing her own stunts.

In the 2000 horror flick, "Ika-13 Kapitulo," a chandelier fell on her and she was pushed to, and drowned in, a swimming pool.

"I continued doing the pool scene though I bumped my head in the first take," Delia said. On the TV show, "Daisy Siyete," she wrestled for the gun with hunk Richard Quan. "After the scene, Richard told me: '*Tita*, you're so strong!' [But] of course my back ached for a week!"

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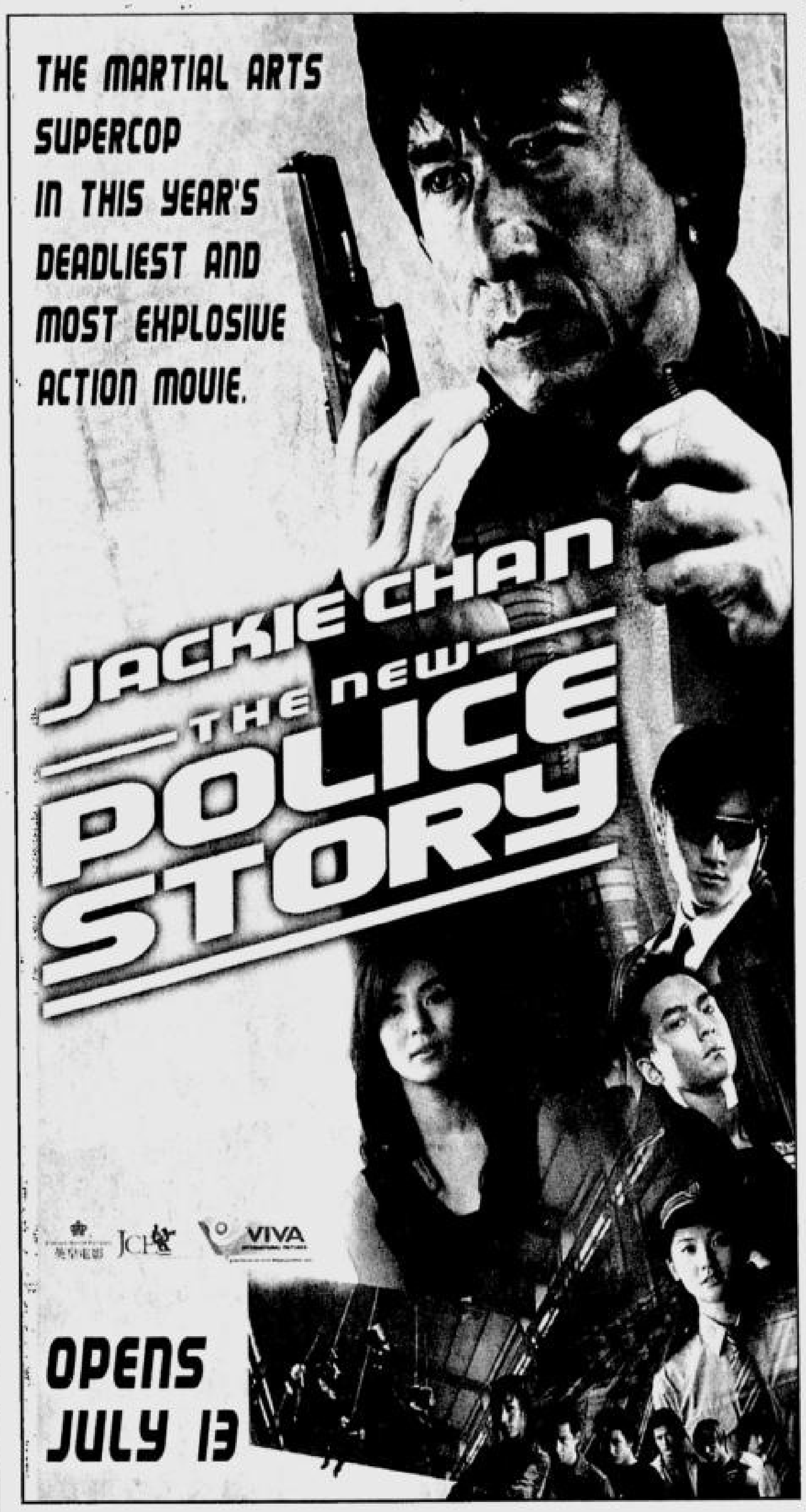
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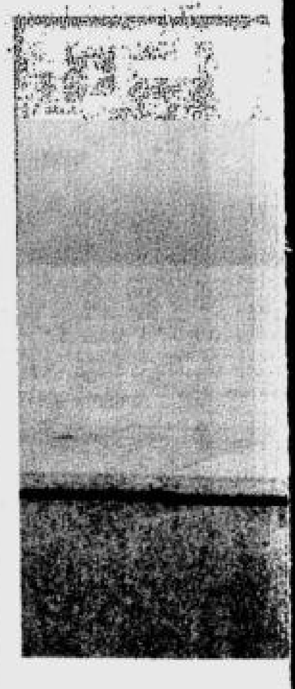

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tion's Screenwriting
Workshop, is best known as the writer of the much-awarded film, "Magnifico." The inspiring drama's screenplay won first prize in the 2001 FDFPI scriptwriting contest. She was then tapped to work for Viva and Star Cinema, as well as on some *telenovelas*, including the current hit, "Mga Anghel na Walang Langit."

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dents of a small town to bankroll the "big" film that they're shooting.

Mario Cornejo and **Coreen Jimenez**'s film, "Big Time," follows the misadventures of two small-time criminals who stage a simple kidnapping that escalates into three days of fun, games and death.

Support these new feature filmmakers' first full-length films by watching them during the Cinemalaya indie film fest's run at the CCP from July 12 to 17. Talent needs to be showcased and boosted in order to come into its own, and this is where we must all come in.

'The Last Samurai'

AT 8 P.M. today, HBO screens a **Tom Cruise** starrer, "The Last Samurai," a sweeping epic set in Japan during the 1870s. Cruise plays Capt. Nathan Algren, an American military officer hired by the Emperor of Japan to train the country's first military army in the art of modern warfare.

The film's story is about an individual who must come to terms with his loss of honor and self, and his subsequent journey to reclaim that honor applies to any time of history, especially now.

'Constantine' on video

"CONSTANTINE," with **Keanu Reeves** playing the title role, is now on DVD and VCD. The regular two-disc DVD includes additional scenes, an alternate ending, music video, behind-the-scenes featurettes and filmmakers' commentary, while the two-disc deluxe DVD also has a collectible comic group.

In the film based on characters from the DC Comics/Vertgo Hellblazer graphic novels, the action is set in a city where spirit world boundaries have been broken—and all hell is breaking loose. Thus, John Constantine is a spiritual warrior waging an apocalyptic worth.

'Tsunami: Six Months On'

PRESENTED live by **Veronica Pedrosa** at 9 p.m. today on CNN, "Tsunami: Six Months On" surveys reconstruction efforts after December's devastating Indian Ocean tsunami. The half-hour program includes special reports from CNN's correspondents in the region. Replays are at 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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It's here at last–don't panic!

'Hitchhiker' is irreverent, fun, funny

REVIEW

LONDON—"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" has traveled light years in its voyage from airwaves to page to screen.

A film version of Douglas Adams' cerebrally comic science fiction saga has been a stop-start project for years. Adams was working on the screenplay when he died of a heart attack in May 2001 at 49.

Now, at last, there's a film.

"It's faithful, irreverent, fun ... in no way the disrespectful waste of celluloid Adams fans had secretly been dreading," said Scott Andrews on the FilmFocus website. But Adams' unofficial biographer, M.J. Simpson, called the film "an abomination" in his scathing 10,000-word review quickly beamed around the Internet world of "Hitchhiker" fans.

"You're aware of the expectations," said Martin Freeman, who stars as everyman hero Arthur Dent. "Unfortunately, Douglas is no longer with us, so any differences between the film and the books are going to be seen as tap-dancing on his grave. What people won't realize yet is that a lot of the changes are Douglas' changes."

A satirical sci-fi adventure that opens with the Earth being destroyed to make way for an intergalactic highway, the "Hitchhiker's Guide" began as a BBC radio series in 1978. Adams turned it into a book, which sold 14 million copies around the world, and later into a TV series (and a computer game).

The book was followed by several sequels, including "The Restaurant at the End of the Universe." The series blended satire, memorably named characters such as Zaphod Beeblebrox and Marvin the Paranoid Android and playfully witty philosophy.

"Douglas Adams' humor... is sophisticated in that it's unsophisticated," said Sam ("Confessions of a Dangerous Mind") Rockwell, who plays the boisterous, two-headed Beeblebrox. "It deals with a lot of profound themes, but it has silly jokes, too."

There is much in the movie to please the fans: the eponymous Guide, a sort of intergalactic Lonely Planet bearing the motto "Don't Panic"; the bureaucratic Vogons and their appalling poetry; and a startled, improbable whale.

Adams struggled to transform his episodic scripts into a screenplay, complaining that their picaresque style resisted adaptation. After Adams' death, screenwriter Karey Kirkpatrick was called in to tighten the structure.

"We didn't want it to be one weird thing after another, because after half an hour of that you tire very quickly," said Garth Jennings, the film's director. He said his priority was "to keep it funny, because it is a comedy first and foremost."

The filmmakers are protective of Adams' memory. The film is dedicated to him, and his image appears on screen several times. There is even a 30-foot model of his nose.

Jennings likes to think of the atheist Adams watching the film from on high—perhaps at the Restaurant at the End of the Universe.

"It's a lovely image," Jennings said. "Having a drink at the bar, watching the universe explode before his eyes." *AP*

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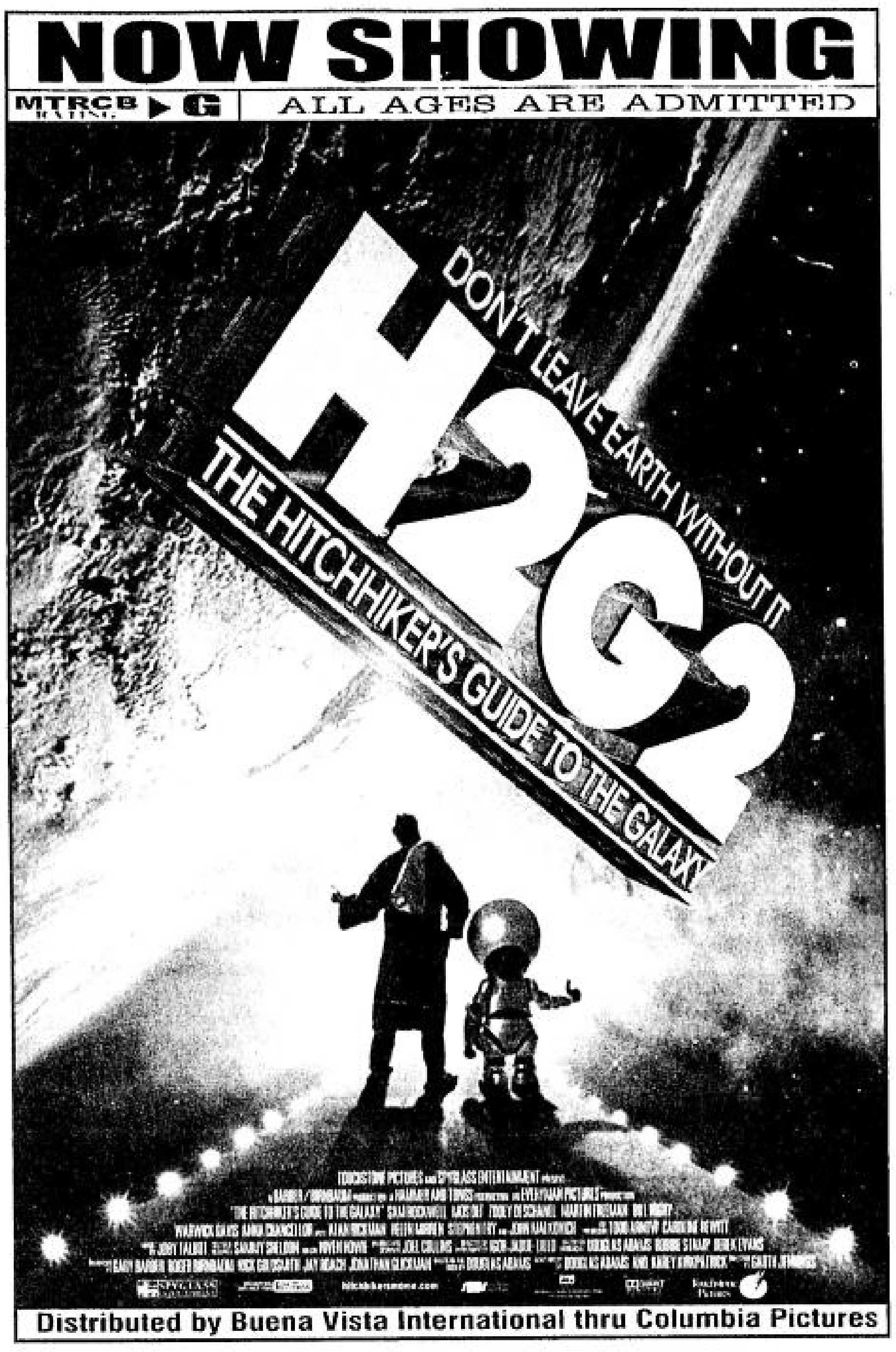
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What Cruise …

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on his engagement and mentioned the reams of stories about *l'affaire* TomKat. He pretended to be surprised, broke into that toothy Tom Cruise smile, leaned back in his chair and said, "Really?"

He lowered his voice when he talked about Katie. The effect, of course, is dramatic and emotional. As I wrote in my earlier column on Katie, if being in love results in an actor being more accessible and expressive, I'll take this open Tom Cruise anytime.

"Never be surprised about how stupid people can be," he declared about folks who are suspicious of his motives in trotting out a romantic relationship with Katie. "I am in love. Something extraordinary has happened to me and I haven't felt this way. I can't restrain myself," he said, exulting in his explanation of the palpable change in him. "It's a beautiful thing. People ask me and I'm going to be honest about it."

Good, genuine

Of Katie, he said, "She's such a good person and so genuine." When he was apprised of Katie's gushing declaration of his best qualities, he quipped, "Did she cover all of them?" And then came the cackling laughter again.

But there were certain things that Tom didn't want to discuss. He still wouldn't say how and where he and Katie first met. He didn't want to say where he bought the four-carat diamond engagement ring that he slipped into Katie's dainty finger at the Eiffel Tower.

And he claimed that details of the wedding have not been discussed.

He tried not to dwell on the incident at the London premiere of "War of the Worlds" where a man, pretending to interview him on the red carpet, squirted water from a mock mike at him. "It was the best premiere I've ever had in London except for that one incident," he said instead to put a positive spin on the incident. "It (the water squirting incident) is not even worth talking about."

Would he have been as calm if Katie had been the victim of that prank instead of him? "I'm just happy it didn't happen to Katie," was all he would say.

I told him how impressed I was with Dakota, who said, "I wish them the happiest marriage that anyone has ever had" after he dropped the bomb that he and Katie were engaged. Tom showed me how he turned around to face the young actress, who is now 11, and told her, "Thanks, girl. That's so touching."

Next life?

When a writer asked what he would like to be in his next life, Tom appeared like it was a strange question to ask. "I'm having a great time right now," he said. "This isn't bad; this is pretty incredible actually."

Toward the end of our interview with Tom, I looked behind, to the back of the room, and lo and behold, Katie was there, dutifully standing by. Whoa. This sure is a very public couple.

After our session, Tom greeted each one of us. As he shook my hand, he looked me in the eye and said, "Thank you for coming all the way to New York."

I congratulated Katie on her engagement, teasing her that just a few weeks ago, a colleague had asked her when they were going to get married. And now she has an engagement ring. Sans makeup, in a simple getup of pink sweater, blouse and blue jeans, she looked like an innocent and pretty 18-year-old girl (she's actually 26). When Tom went out of the room through another door, she bolted to catch up with him.

In the hallway, I saw them walking to the elevator, arms intertwined in the back. Both in blue jeans, the pair looked like teenage sweethearts rushing off somewhere. I wish them luck.

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Faith and fate carve stone craft factory's success

By Joel V. Nigos

DUMAGUETE CITY—Divinagracia Yee could have just accepted the fate that befell her family after a series of business setbacks hit the Yee family during the mid-'80s.

Their establishments in Dumaguete City—a restaurant and a department store—were losing money heavily until they had to be closed down.

She and her husband Romulo consoled themselves that the inheritance from their parents would be enough for them to get by and send their children to school.

Several months later, Didi, as Yee is popularly known, was still reeling from their losses and at a loss on what to do. She and her husband were too afraid to go into another business.

But fate had other plans. One day, a man approached her looking for a job.

"He was a displaced worker from a local stone craft factory which had also closed shop," recalls Didi adding that many businesses at that time were having a hard time and closures were common.

The man had a family to support and was desperate to find a livelihood.

"I wanted to help the fellow so I tried looking for what he could do," she relates.

The guy gave her a stone tablet he had made with an inscription from the Bible made of India ink.

The quote was from 2 Kings 3:17 which states: "For this is what the LORD says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink."

"It was like God talking to me telling me that it was what I should do. God gifted me with an eye for nice things," says Didi

The tablet became her inspiration to do more.

She began crafting more of those stone tablets with inscriptions of Bible verses. Soon, friends started buying them using them as gifts or décors to their homes or offices.

After a few more experiments using stones of various colors in new designs, the stone craft factory went into full operation in 1989 with only two workers. Still inspired from the verses from the Bible, she named her factory NOAH. The four letters also stand for Negros Oriental Arts and Heritage.

That year was also the time when the Department of Trade and Industry and the Negros Oriental Centennial Commission were aggressively promoting handicrafts and other locally made products. Thus, Didi was able to get as much assistance from the two government agencies.

NOAH's products are created with great care.

From stone tablets, the factory began producing other stone craft items like jewelry boxes, costume jewelry, wall decoration, coasters, mirror frames and picture frames, paper weights, and beautiful chests and furniture inlaid with stone.

Along with new stone craft items, her designs also became more elaborate. Thus, one stone craft takes a longer time to finish.

Various precious stones are also used in each stone craft depending on the design and color. Jade is used for color green, a red coral for red and a blue coral for blue. In one wall panel, stones of various colors are utilized. Paint enhances a stone craft's design and each is laminated to protect it.

A small jewelry box, for example, takes about two weeks to finish, a bigger one, from one to two months. A paperweight takes three days while one of the bigger wall panels, with "The Last Supper" took almost a year to complete.

In choosing the designs, Didi says that she always make sure that each has a touch of being Pinoy. Sometimes, designs come in a series, like the wall panels that carry themes like "Coco Gatherer," "Cane Gatherer," "Fishermen," and "Planting Rice." These are popular among foreigners.

"This prompted me to hire more workers. I tapped the local folk from Bacong, a town in Negros Oriental, where the factory is located. I was happy because I was able to give them livelihood," she says.

Two years after it went into full operation, NOAH already has 140 skilled and semi-skilled workers in its factory in Bacong. It now has more than 200 workers.

Didi says that after creating more stone products, she developed her distribution network.

"I joined trade fairs both here in Negros Oriental and in Manila. People then recognized the quality of our stone crafts. Some distributors began to place a few orders, then they doubled it, tripled it ... So when the orders grew, I was again compelled to add new workers."

Later, department stores such as Rustan's and SM and local handicraft shops like Balikbayan Handicrafts and Tesoro's started to carry NOAH's products.

The export market, she says, definitely would not be left behind. Presently, the stone crafts exported to Italy, Spain and Germany and the United States.

"The bulk of our produce now goes to the export market. I attribute it to the quality and the design of our products. Besides, we would not be able to penetrate the export market if not for those characteristics," she proudly beams.

DIVINAGRACIA and Romulo Dee suffered business setbacks before gaining the strength to go into a new one.

Didi says they have continued to participate in trade fairs such as the National Trade Fair being held annually at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall.

"Our efforts in trade fairs did not go for naught because every year we are able to get new and bigger clients. We are also able to showcase the best Filipino-made crafts to foreigners as well as to the locals," relates Didi.

During the last NTF in February, NOAH did not only get new clients, it also bagged the fair's top seller award for the third consecutive year.

Didi is Noah's general manager while her husband Romulo is the production manager. Romulo is in charge of processing of the stone crafts-from color management, design to the overall finish. He also makes sure that each hinge or hook is in its proper place and functions according to its purpose. At the start of each week, he prepares all the materials needed for production and even attends to the specific request of each worker. Their son Kerwin handles NOAH's Manila office while their daughter Marjorie is based in Dumaguete. They have two other sons, Michael and Ritoniel, who are in the US.

Didi says she and her husband could have just accepted their fate when their first businesses closed. But she believes that the man who came knocking at her door desperate for a job was God's instrument for them to go back to business.

Their faith proved its worth because as Didi puts it, they have been showered with so much blessings. But what's more important, she says, is they have been able to share these blessings to more and more people, especially the Bacong folk in Negros Oriental.

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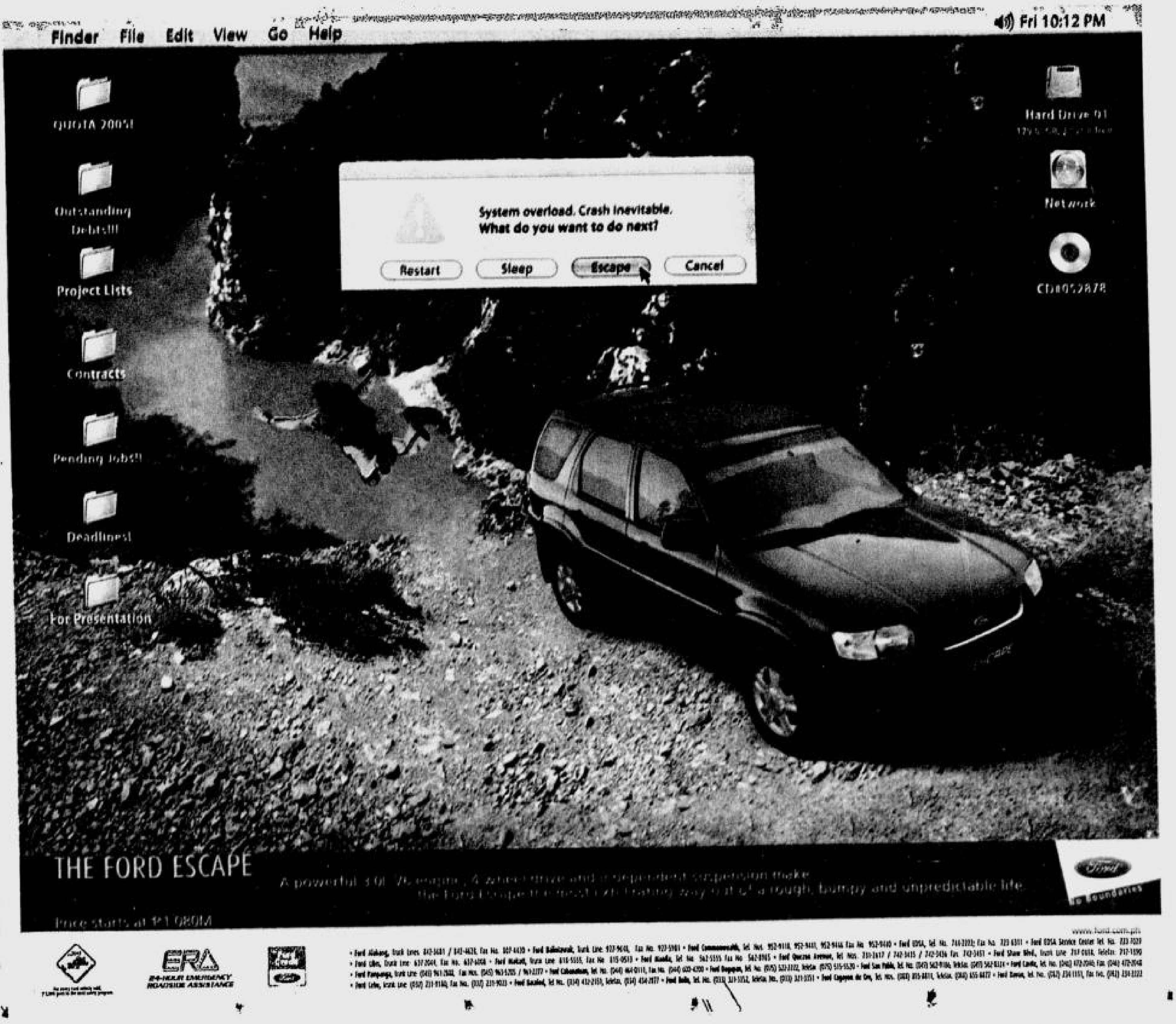

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By Sandra Garcia
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BUSINESS TRAVEL

IN PREPARATION for the forthcoming 2008 Olympics, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, recently appointed a dedicated Olympics director of sales and marketing and in-house 2008 Shangri-La Hospitality Committee, comprised of top management from the group's four Beijing properties, and one in Qingdao (site of the Olympics sailing competitions).

Out of its portfolio of 47 hotels, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts has 19 hotels in China in the country's primary and secondary cities.

Johan Chan, director of sales and marketing-special projects, will be the prime contact for all business and promotional inquiries. He will also ensure that all Shangri-La properties maintain smooth communications with the games service department of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG).

The Olympics Committee, led by Sunny Paw, vice president sales and marketing, China, will focus on streamlining the Olympics experience for Shangri-La guests, through room inventory control, rate guidelines, booking policies and synergy between all China hotels.

The Committee will also focus on identifying business opportunities leading up to, during and after the Games.

"The 2008 Olympics is not only an opportunity for China to show its best to the world, but the chance for China's leading luxury hotel group to shine on the world stage," said Paw. "Given our group strength in Beijing and China, it is fitting that we are taking a lead in Olympics preparations."

Hilton International (HI) has signed two new management contracts, including the first Conrad hotel in China and the first Scandic by Hilton outside Europe to open in 2008. Together with the existing Hilton Beijing, the three hotels will make Hilton history by offering for the first time, a complete lineup of HI brands in a single city.

Both hotels are part of mixed-use sites and are located in two separate but equally prominent inner-city precincts. A development of the China Overseas Real Estate Development Corp., the two hotels are scheduled to open in time for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The Conrad Beijing will have 200 hotel guest rooms and 100 serviced apartments. There will be a variety of restaurants and extensive meetings facilities including an auditorium and a ballroom with a capacity of approximately 500 people. The other facilities will include a full facility spa and health club. It will appeal to premium travelers seeking luxury, recognition and first class service.

The Conrad will be located on Chang An Avenue, between the Second Ring Road and the Third Ring Road in the Chaoyang District. Chang An Avenue is the center of China's political, economic and cultural activities and is known as the "First Street of China."

Scandic by Hilton Beijing will have 400-guest rooms and 100-serviced apartments. The hotel's facilities include two restaurants, a lounge, a number of meeting rooms, a ballroom, and a health club and swimming pool.

Like Conrad Beijing, this hotel will also form part of a 200,000 square meters mixed-use development site, which includes retail, office space and underground parking. It is located in the southwest quarter of the city on Guanganmenwai Street between the West Second Ring Road and the West Third Ring Road and is less than 10 minutes drive from Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Scandic by Hilton is the leading hotel chain in Northern Europe with 135 properties and 23,500 rooms covering 10 countries. The concept is based on easy and accessible travel for business and leisure with an emphasis on relaxed "Nordic common sense."

Hilton International is also schedulee to open its first Hilton Worldwide Resort in the People's Republic on Hainan Island this December.

The 500-room Hilton Sanya Resort & Spa is located on prime beachfront land in Yalong Bay and is home to a full spa facility. Meanwhile, the 30-story, 410-room Hilton Xiamen is scheduled to open early 2007.

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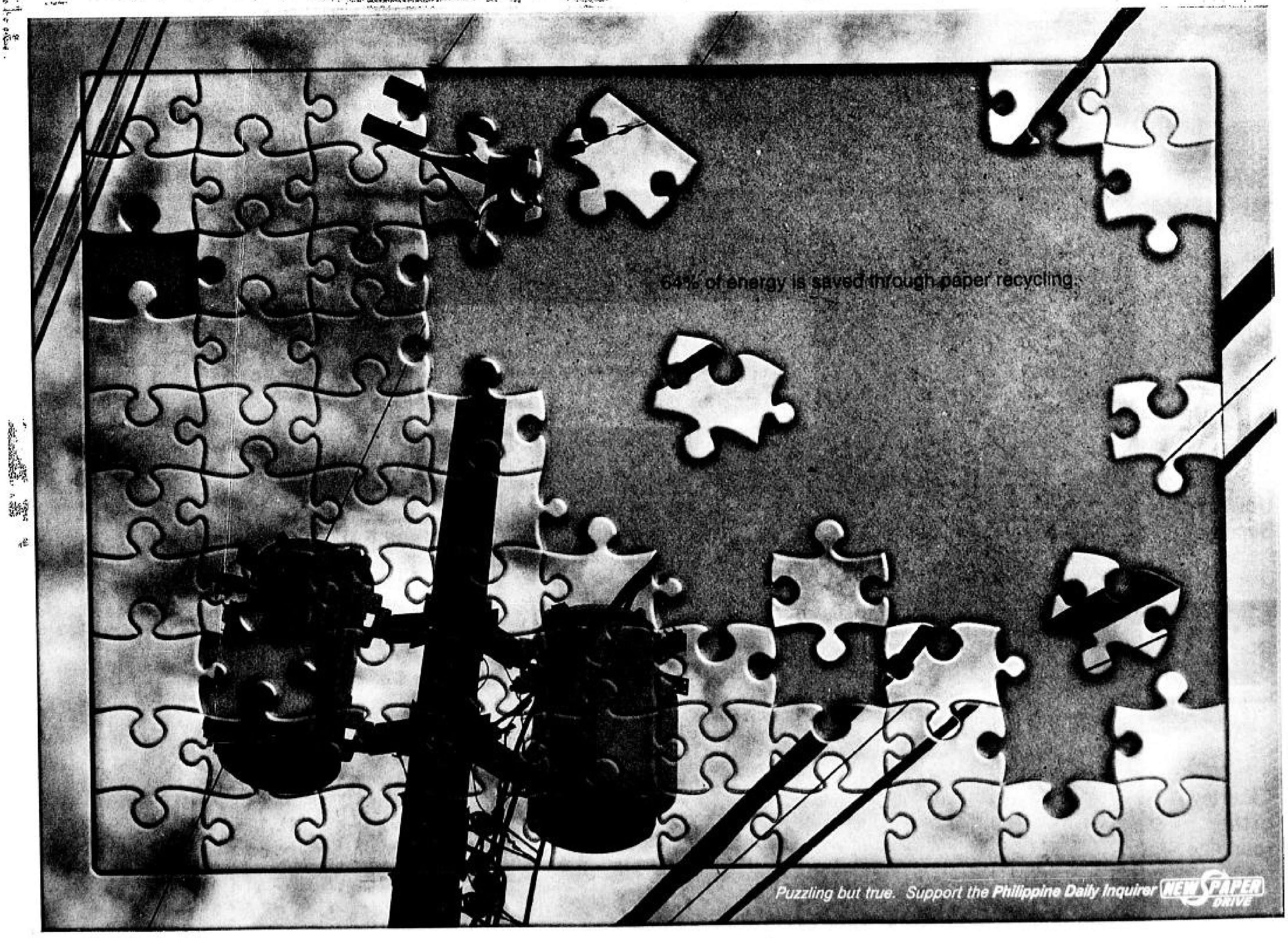
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You can be one in saving our energy resources through the NewPaper Drive. Now on its fifth year, this Inquirer recycling campaign aims to make a difference in the environment. **Linis Ganda, Inquirer's partner in making a difference in the environment, will pick-up old newspapers and tabloids for FREE within Metro Manila.** For inquiries, call Winnie or Michelle at 410-0383 or 448-7835. For pick-ups, call CARPEL Office at 430-0656 or 430-8411 and look for Weng, Lorrie or Myra. Pick-ups are from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays, from June 25 to October 25, 2005.

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Unwrapping the 'Binalot' business

By Amy R. Remo

ENTREPRENEUR Rommel Juan admits that it was only in 2003—seven years after Binalot Fiesta Foods made its first delivery to the Makati working crowd—that he finally got his act together.

"One of the most important turning points in the Binalot business was when I finished my Masters in Entrepreneurship at the Asian Institute of Management in 2003," Rommel tells the INQUIRER. "It made clearer to me what Binalot is really all about."

Culled from the Filipino term that means "wrapped," Binalot serves classic Filipino fare that comes with rice wrapped in banana leaves—just the way they would do it in the provinces.

Rommel relates that it was during his ME studies that he realized how to play up his strengths and learned what else he needed to keep the business running smoothly.

It was also at this point that things took a faster turn for Binalot.

"We only had six branches from 1996 to 2002. But from 2003 to 2004, we managed to double the number of our stores, set up a stand-alone store and launch our franchising," he says.

Rommel says he also realized that he fell into the trap of a traditional entrepreneur.

"An entrepreneur would always try to do everything by himself but he will be at a disadvantage if he does not even have the basic know-how about certain aspects of the business such as finance or marketing, " he explains. "He would force himself to understand everything and that's not usually enough."

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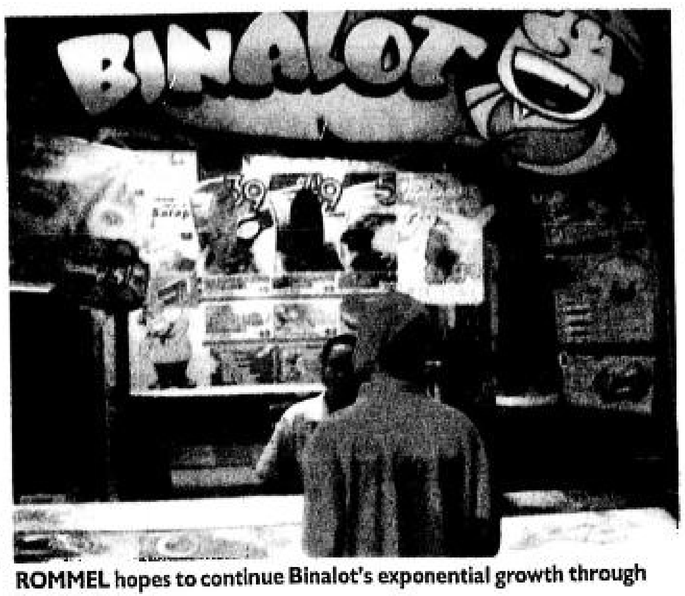

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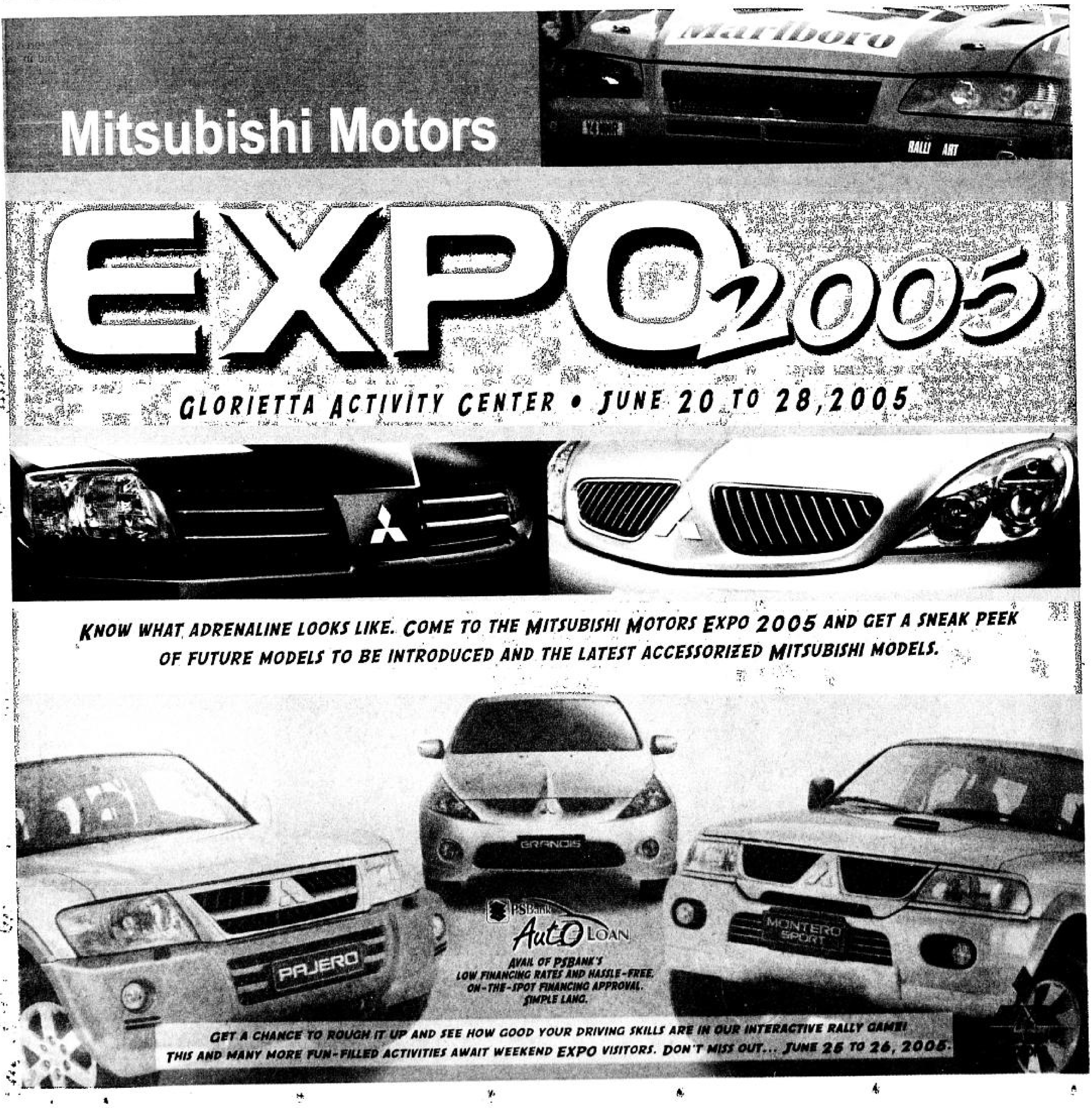

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The tale of the 19th PAC logo

IT SEEMS we are never at a loss for creative minds and eccentric ideas for just about anything. Lack of imagination especially in the advertising industry automatically merits you raised eyebrows and shun you to the farthest reaches of wallflowerdom. Take for example the theme for the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress, happening in Cebu this November, Ready for the World!? With an interrobang to boot that completes the rather multi faceted Congress this year's organizers are planning to hit us with.

One essential binding element was lacking to complete the statement above and further encapsulate the brewing ideas and convictions brought about by the theme. This gave birth, literally, as we had a faceless man for our poster, to the 19th PAC logo competition. From light bulbs, to faces, stoplights, maps, globes and some other unmentionables to the oh so nationalistic Philippine icons, over 500 entries came pouring in. Email and snail mail, from as far as Cagayan Valley, Catanduanes, Tacloban, Lipa, Cavite and Laguna, besieged the Secretariat every single day.

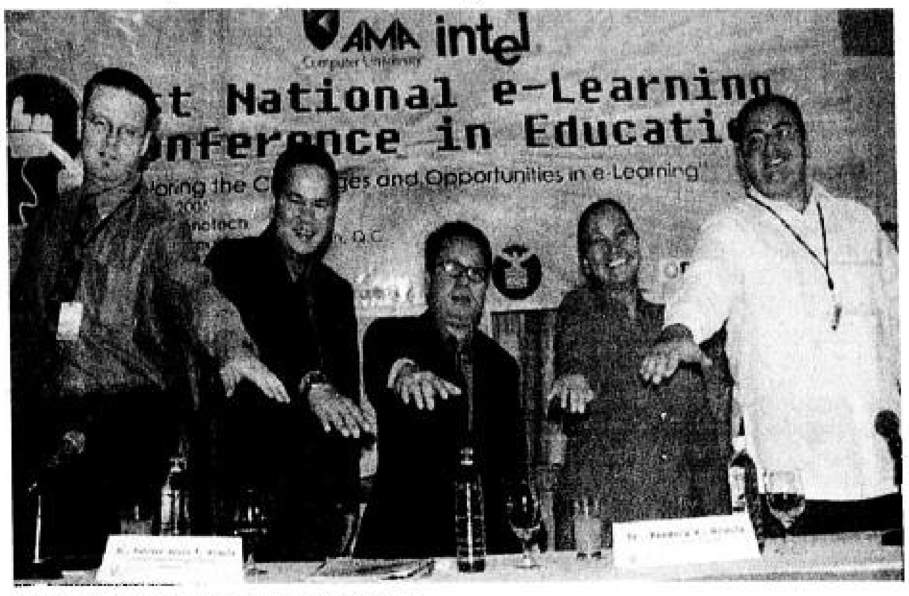
If this was not enough, the numerous calls had their own stories to tell which would either make you want to cry of frustration or grin from ear to ear. One staff, after 20 minutes of harrowing explanations could not convince a caller that the logo competition would not entail him to guess the faceless man in our poster! Then there were the calls from mothers or teachers asking if their young children and students could join. Still there were some that timidly asked if they could refrain from placing their ages for fear of being disqualified (we had entrants with ages ranging from 9-72). Yup! At that stage, the competition had the makings of a beauty pageant.

At the end of the day, make that weeks, of logo competition related calls, e-mails and letters we had to declare the competition closed. The short-listed entries went through a rigorous voting process from both the Creative Committee and the Congress Executive Committee taking into consideration the following criteria: originality, freshness of ideas and the most important, impact of the logo whether it be in full color or devoid of it.

The final winning logo was simple yet striking and was bagged by 15-year veteran of the Advertising Industry, Edgar Relayson. The winning logo has a streaming exclamation point with a superimposed question mark. It uses red, yellow, blue and black for the text which Edgar says makes it striking and very colorful. Says Edgar, "The '!' draws attention. The '?' inside the exclamation point means that our ads wouldn't be simply loud but will also stand up to the world's scrutiny. We want to symbolize ads that are worthy of international prestige."

Yes we do aim to be recognized globally and hope that someday soon the Philippine Advertising industry will be at par with the rest of the world. We start with the logo, build up to the Congress and at the end of the three day bombardment of learning and fun, proudly and confidently declare that we are "Ready for the World" sans the interrobang.

19TH PAC overall chair Meryl Graham-Schlachterman and creative committee chair Melvin Mangada and Micky Domingo, ECD of McCann Erickson Philippines, hand over the prize money to Edgar Relayson, winner of this year's ad congress logo competition.



UNITED TOWARDS E-LEARNING

AMA Education System (AMAES) sponsored the First National E-Learning Conference in Education. Co-sponsored by the Philippine National e-Learning Association Inc, UP College of Science and Intel the event was held last May 27, at Seameo Innotech, UP Diliman, Q.C. Experts and practitioners from the ICT industry served as plenary speakers. Shown are (from left) Bill Spindloe, Yapster chief operating officer; Alexander Kibanoff, head, training development and career management of PLDT Co; Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, president of the National e-Learning Association Inc and SVP for academic affairs of AMAES; Dr. Rhodora V. Azanza, dean of the UP Diliman College of Science; and Andrew Kerr, international education consultant for Mabuhay Satellite Corp. More than 60 colleges and universities attended the one-day conference.

'Iba Ka, Win Ka sa AlactaGrow!' promo concluded

ALACTAGROW Growing-Up milk, a product of Mead Johnson Phils recently concluded its "Iba Ka, Win Ka sa Alactagrow" nationwide promo. The two-leg promo gave moms the chance to win Nokia mobile phones and cash prizes as a reward for patronizing Alactagrow.

AlactaGrow tied up with Manila Broadcasting Company's (MBC) leading Manila (Yes-fm and DZRH) and provincial radio stations to launch the "Iba Ka, Win Ka" radio promo during the festive summer months. AlactaGrow's upbeat "Iba Ka" jingle echoed in selected trade accounts nationwide as the "Iba Ka" patrol went around to spot mothers purchasing AlactaGrow products. Lucky chosen moms instantly received P1,000 each plus AlactaGrow gift packs.

The second leg of the Alactagrow promo featured the "Iba Ka" patrol visiting the homes of winning Alactagrow users via a partnership with Eat Bulaga, the country's longest running noontime show. Moms nationwide were asked to drop their Alactagrow entries in their respective baranggays to get the chance to be the lucky mom to be visited by the Iba Ka patrol in their homes. The lucky winners were awarded Nokia 3100 cellphones, cash prizes and AlactaGrow gift packs and shown live on national TV!

The Alactagrow "Iba Ka,Win Ka" promo culminated in a grand draw last May 31. Sixteen lucky Alactagrow label senders out of thousands who joined the nationwide promo won Nokia cellphones. The Final draw winners are: GMA - Michelle Bautista, 274 Bayan St. R. Papa 2nd Ave. Caloocan City; Rosalie Siminig, Blk. 21 Lot 1 Palmera 6 Taytay Rizal; Racquel C. Genes, Bldg. 28 Unit 322 SMDRP, Balut Tondo Mla.; Jocelyn Plange, 227 San Sebastian St., Tondo Manila; Luzon - Alejandra Niebres, 72 P Burgos St. San Agustin Malolos Bulacan; Emieliza Bacsic, 12 Palindan Ibaan Batangas; Edna Subriaga, Brgy. 58 Casili Laoag City; Ofelia Luciano, 1226 Luciano cmpd. Muzon City of San Jose Del Monte Bulacan, Malolos, Bulacan; Visayas - Jennifer Quijano, 113 B. Tabada St. Mambaling Cebu City; Delphine Duban, R. Ocampo Drive, White Rd. Inayawan Cebu City; Guadalupe Martinez, 3131 Upper Pang-pang Guadalupe Cebu City; Libeth Manayan, Dapitan Cordova Cebu; Mindanao - Elcy Butron, R. Castillo St. San Nicolas Village Brgy. Centro Agdao Davao City; Rosanna Arce, PSA Buhangin Butuan City; Edwina Janopol, P-1 Brgy. 8 Lapu Lapu Butuan City; Vilma Buenaflor, P-2 Ongyiu Butuan City.

Alactagrow Growing Up Milk contains Fibercal, which helps in dual calcium absorption and brain nutrient DHA precursor. With Alactagrow, "may Lakas ng Buto, Lakas ng Loob!".

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SHOWN during the final draw were (from left): Mel Del Rosario, marketing assistant; Rommel Pentinio, media planner/buyer, Starcom; Anna Katrina Santos, senior product manager; Lou Villamayor, BFAD Representative; Francis Aswin, marketing manager; Jonnalee Tuazon, media planner/buyer, Starcom; and Kristine Belmonte, account manager, Ace Saatchi & Saatchi.

Ayala chair receives London's First Award for Responsible Capitalism

THE FIRST Award for Responsible Capitalism for 2005 was recently presented to Ayala chair Jaime Zobel de Ayala by Rt. Hon. Lord Howe of Aberavon CH, QC, at a special ceremony at the Ritz Hotel in London on June 9.

Zobel is the first Filipino and only sixth individual to receive the award. He was nominated for the honor by former British Ambassador to the Philippines Paul Dimond, and was selected by a panel of judges chaired by leading U.K. economist Lord Dahrendorf and includes Lord Howe and Sir Patrick Cormack FSA MP, president of First, among others.

The First Award for Responsible Capitalism was created in 2000 by First Magazine. The award recognizes leadership which results in both commercial success and social responsibility. The First award is unique and special as it gives recognition to the way the awardees have conducted themselves, both as a business enterprise and as individuals.

Zobel joins the distinguished roster of recipients of the First Award for Responsible Capitalism, namely: BP group chief executive Lord Browne of Madingley; Carlson Companies chair and CEO Marilyn Carlson Nelson; Rio Tinto executive chair Sir Robert Wilson KCMG; Novartis, AG, chair and CEO Dr. Daniel Vasella; and Reed Elsevier chair Morris Tabaksblat KBE.

In accepting the award, Zobel stated Ayala's core belief that its business endeavors should contribute positively to the social, economic, and environmental well being of the communities they serve. This has been a cornerstone for the success of the company in over 170 years and today continues to be expressed in programs that companies in the Ayala group directly undertake or support through programs of the Ayala Foundation.

"In addition to the quality and innovation inherent in our various companies' products and services, our commitment to contribute to the betterment of society has earned for Ayala the Filipino public's unfailing trust and confidence. Our success contributes to the success of the country and vice versa," said Zobel.

The First award was developed by First magazine, a leading London-based publication that aims to enhance communication between leaders of industry, finance, and government worldwide. The magazine believes that commercial success can be assessed in terms of standard criteria, but social responsibility may involve a greater sense of the needs of stakeholders, special interest in the well-being of groups in need, care for the communities in which the business operates, environmental initiatives, and support for the arts and culture.

Zobel received the award at a special lunch in his honor that was attended by diplomatic and business leaders including First chair Rupert Goodman.

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MANILA DRAGONS SHINES IN TAIPEI

The Manila Dragons Dragonboat Rowing Team placed 6th overall out of the 25 competing teams in the men's open category in the recently concluded 2005 Taipei International Dragon Boat Festival held at the Tachia Riverside Park on June 10 to 12. It was the first time the Manila Dragons competed in the said event since it was established in 1991. Photo shows members and officials of the Manila Dragons in Taipei: (front row, from left), Jong Valientes, Mylene Buenafe, Iris Ocba (executive secretary), Marlowe Ricamora, Edward Vasquez (team captain), Eugene Nazaire, Ann Limpin, Jane Butchayo, Jilla Decena (team manager), Richard Wong and Liza Buencilio; (back row, from left) Rolly Inocencio, Don Balolong, Greg Doronila, Michael Manabat, Sherwin Cortez, Dennis Reyes, Joel Macawile, Jun Orbina, Ron Dolotina, Raul Bumanglag, Noel Zapata, Paul Minano and Marc Oliver Soliven.

UAP SUPPORTS WORLD ALLERGY DAY 2005

United American Pharmaceuticals, makers of the anti-allergy medications Allerin (Diphenhydramine) and Allerta(Loratadine) has pledged its support to the Philippine Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (PSAAI) in its observance of World Allergy Day 2005 to be held on July 8. This worldwide event, a first in the Philippines, intends to educate those who deal with allergic disorders on a daily or intermittent basis, and provide sound basis for practical action to be taken by governments, health care professionals, lay organizations, and patients at a national level. Photo shows the contract signing ceremony attended by: (from left) Eduardo Ignacio, marketing director, UAP; Joey Romana, division vice president, ULCH; Delfin Vivar, vice president, ULCH; Dr. Hiyasmin Lim, President, PSAAI; Dr. Cherry Padua, vice president, PSAAI; Dr. Felicidad Cua-Lim, founding president, PSAAI; Dr. Madeline Sumpaico, former president, PSAAI and Dr. Miguel Noche, former president, PSAAI.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs – Bids and Awards Committee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the:

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ACTIVITIES	DATE/TIME
Pre-bid Conference	07 July 2005
Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements	19 July 2005 (2:00 pm)
Opening of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals	19 July 2005 (3:00 pm)

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MMS NEW SET OF OFFICERS

THE Manila Medical Society (MMS), the oldest and premiere component society of the Philippine Medical Association held its induction of officers 2005-2006 at the Manila Pavilion Hotel in cooperation with RiteMED, a division of United Laboratories Inc. Shown are Dr. Ascension F. Bautista taking her oath as second termer president before the inducting officer and guest speaker Dr. Lino Edralin Lim, former president of the Manila Medical Society and of the Philippine Medical Association witnessed by her son Justin and daughter Luchie. The following who also took their oath were Drs. Leo O. Olarte, vice-president; Felicisima B. Bacon, secretary; Maria Paz Encarnacion M. Banzon, treasurer; Higinio C. Tan, PRO; Ismael G. Bacon, chapter councilor; Annabelle R. Rabino, Emerson U. Lim, Lady H. Niverba, Aspren S. Talapian, Angelita V. Villar, district councilors; other disctrict officers and board members and the officers of the auxiliary to the Manila Medical Society headed by Mr. Hortencio Cos.

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World Food Expo, the country's biggest food event is back this Aug. 3 to 6 at the World Trade Center organized by Premier Events Plus Group Inc. (PEPGroup). With over 600 exhibit booths, occupying the whole of WTC, Wofex covers the food machinery, bakery, import-export products, beverages, foodservice equipment among many others. Co-located events are Baker's Fair, Foodmach Expo 2005, Taste Expo and World Food Summit. Unimagna Philippines joins Wofex as exhibitor, the first environment-friendly plant in Southeast Asia using HFC 134a and C-5 Technology. The company is involved in the manufacture of plastic and electric beverage coolers catering on the needs of the softdrinks, beer and water bottles. In photo during the contract signing (from left) Joel Pascual, president of PEPgroup and Oscar Bautista Unimagna Philippines. For inquiries on Wofex, call PEPGroup at 9297993 or 63, 4364209, 4269603, 9208136 4373590 or email info@PEPGroup.com or check website www.PEPGroup.com.

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid Supply and Delivery of Powdered Full Cream Milk

1. The Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) of the **Department of Education (DepED)**, through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) intends to apply the sum of **PHILIPPINE PESOS TWENTY SEVEN MILLION AND 00/100 ONLY (Php27,000,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Powdered Full Cream Milk hereinafter called the "GOODS." Bids received in excess of the ABC will be rejected at bid opening.
2. The DepED now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of the Goods to DepED Warehouse (near Motorpool), DepED Complex, Pasig City. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in Section II, Instructions to Bidders, of the Bidding Documents.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184 known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interests or outstanding capital stocks belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183. Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II. Instruction to Bidders of the Bidding Documents.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting on **June 17, 2005** until **June 28, 2005** from the BAC Secretariat. Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Pasig City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Philippine Pesos Five Thousand & 00/100 Only (PHp5,000).** Information is also available at **http://www.deped.gov.ph** or **www.procurementservice.org.** The BAC Secretariat could be reached through Tel No. 636-6543 or Fax No. 636-6542.
5. The **DepED BAC** shall hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on **June 30, 2005, 2:00 p.m.** at the **Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City.**
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Catering to the young and feeding their minds

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—If culinary arts is a couple, then it could only be Paul and Nina Poblador of Jam Breakfast to Bar, a restaurant/gallery/bar/media room on busy Session Road here.

"Culinary" describes 30-year-old Paul Matta Poblador, the California Culinary Academy-trained restaurateur who helped place Baguio in the culinary map with Salud Bistro.

"Arts" is personified by his wife Nina Tesoro, who turned Salud into a gallery for upcoming Baguio artists and is expected to do the same with Jam B2B.

NINA, the non-cook went into business earlier

Aside from Jam B2B at the third floor of Lopez building on Session Road, which opened recently, there is also Kusina Salud in San Pablo City, which the couple is managing for Nina's parents, Tito and Patis Tesoro.

They also helped open Oh My Gulay, an all-vegetarian eatery at the Vocas Art Space at the La Azotea Building also on Session Road.

They will also open another Salud! in Manila by this year.

The Pobladors seem to turn the restaurant business into one long party. But both say that a lot of business sense and market research have been put it into every decision they make.

Take the Jam B2B, for example. Their Salud Bistro near the Lourdes Grotto here has been a success since it opened in January 2002.

Personalities in Manila make it a point to have dinner there.

Then the meningococcemia scare came in November. Till February, there were hardly any visitors around.

"We know we can't depend on tourists anymore even if they were our target audience," Nina said. "Baguio's peak season goes into cycle and the scare hit us during what should be our peak."

They realized that to thrive in Baguio without the tourists, one has to target the students. Baguio, after all, is the educational center of the North as well as a tourists' destination.

Salud Bistro folded up and the couple decided to go where the students are, which is Session Road.

Now making them climb two floors up is the challenge. With partners Diether Ocampo, Kathy Chua Chiaco-Umali of Kitaro chain of restaurants and fashion designer Paul Sanglay as partners, they decided to come out with a restaurant that will cater to the young as well as feed their minds.

Without necessarily compromising their fine dining expertise, Jam B2B serves rice meals with a twist like sautéed chicken teriyaki, spicy pork adobo sa gata and Jam! Arroz ala Cubana at afford able prices.

They also have gourmet pizza like smoked salmon and capers, spicy hoisin barbecue and chili con carne. They also have vegetarian fare like eggplant parmigiana, barbecue veggie melt burger, pan-grilled vegetable pizza and vegetable curry.

PAUL and Nina Poblador

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To attract the young crowd, they decided to come out with live bands thrice a week and piped-in New Wave and world music.

Now for the educating part. Photos by Tommy Hafalla are hung on one side of the bar while a geometric mural of Session Road by Denis Lagdameo adorns another wall.

One semi-enclosed room will serve as the artist gallery, with Australian-based Filipino Annika Hudson inaugurating it. Poetry readings and performance art will also be regularly held.

The same room will serve as the viewing room for "Cinema Para Dito sa Jam," which is a sort of film criticism and writing workshop, to be conducted by Ed Cabagnot of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and Ed Lejano of the University of the Philippines Film Center.

The Pobladors met at De La Salle University where Nina majored in organizational communication and Paul took up electronics and communication engineering.

Paul later shifted to hotel and restaurant management at the Dominican College in San Juan, Metro Manila, from 1995 to 1999. During that time, he became a line cook for Aviary Bar and Restaurant in Little Baguio, San Juan and Grassi's in Ortigas and Tivoli Grill in Mandarin Oriental Manila.

Then off to California Culinary Academy in San Francisco in 2000 where he became the class sous chef (the head assistant) and also worked as a line chef for several celebrity guest chefs.

Back home and tired of working in line, he became managing chef for Patis Tesoro's "Tesoro de Ornamentos" fashion show in May 2000. He also catered Patis' previous show, Ninay, in 1998 but "Ornamentos" was far bigger because Paul had to prepare 500 set meals.

Paul comes from a long line of cooks in Iloilo and he still feels inferior to them.

"I still feel I can't cook as good as my family. They kept telling me that if I wanted to be a good cook, I should learn from them," he said.

Paul plans to go back to Iloilo when he is older and start a restaurant there worthy of the Pobladors.

As it turned out, it was Nina, the non-cook, who was in the restaurant business earlier, having been the proprietor from 1996 to 2001 of Inday Nena's Café near her mother's boutique in San Juan.

Before that, she was her mother's production assistant and bazaar representative. She also became a graphic designer and a part-time employee at the Museo Pambata.

From 1997 to 2001, Nina became a co-partner of Tadek Co., which produced and traded natural dyes, hand embroidered T-shirts and ethnic accessories.

Her attempt to come out with a commercial natural dye center in Manila was called "Bongga Ka Dye." Paul was the managing chef of Tadek Café.

According to Nina, when they got married in 2001, they made it a point that their wedding registry included equipment and utensils for their upcoming restaurant. Choosing Baguio even surprised them.

"One day we just woke up and said we'll do this in Baguio," Nina says. With P1.5 million in capital and wedding gifts, they set up Salud Bistro.

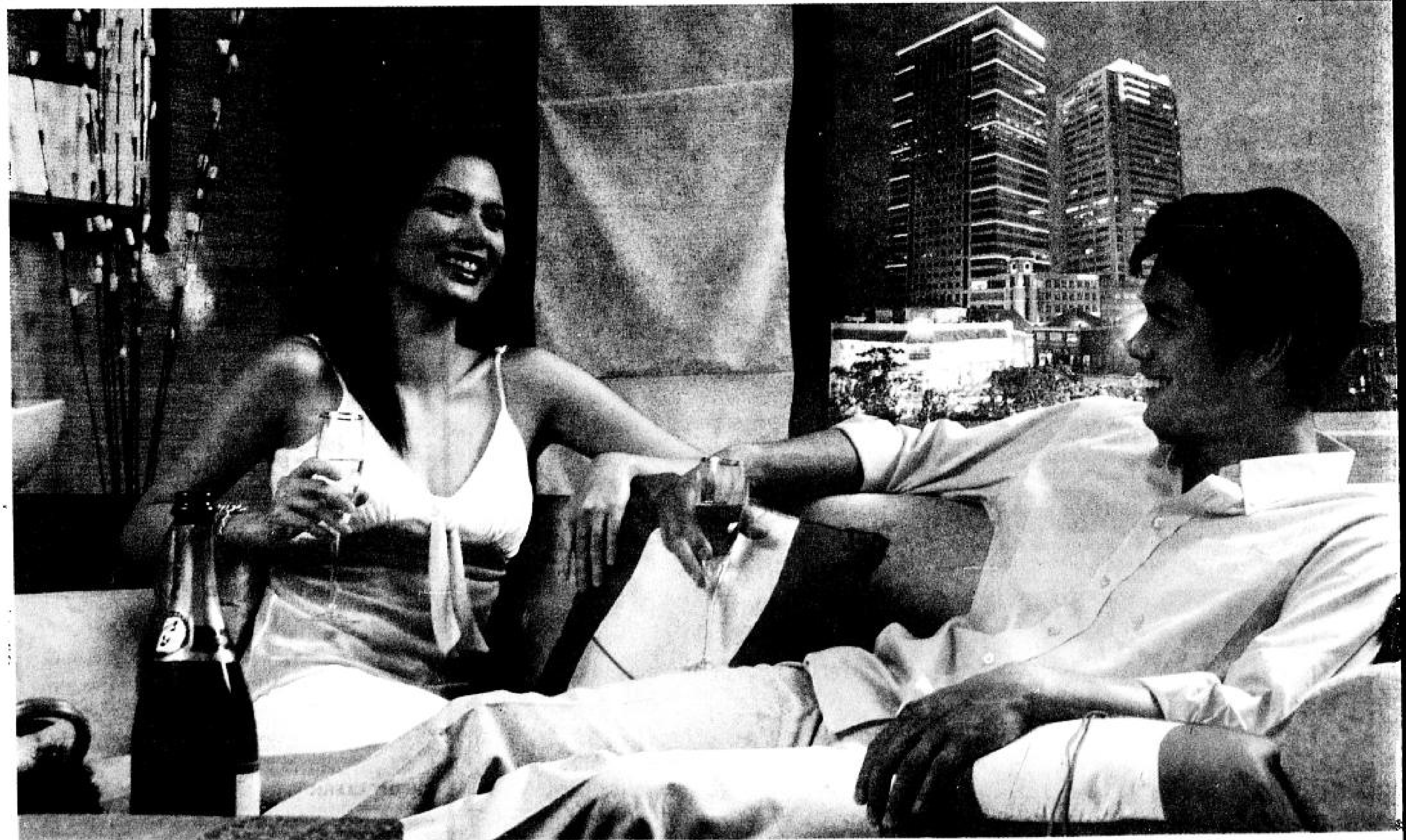
Salud Café becoming an art gallery was accidental.

"Kawayan (de Guia, artist son of filmmaker Kidlat Tahimik) noticed the blank wall and said, why don't we hang our paintings here," Nina says.

All three sons of Kidlat Tahimik exhibited there as well as other upcoming and established Baguio artists.

Nina became an event organizer. Staging Kaartehan 2004, which was a series of art workshops to complement the Baguio Flower Festival or Panagbenga as well as the Cosmic Conspiracy during the Women's Month in March this year.

"We have a vision of Baguio as a Greenwich Village (a neighborhood in New York known for its independent art scene). This is a student town. And to stay in business, you have to be a couple of steps ahead," said Nina.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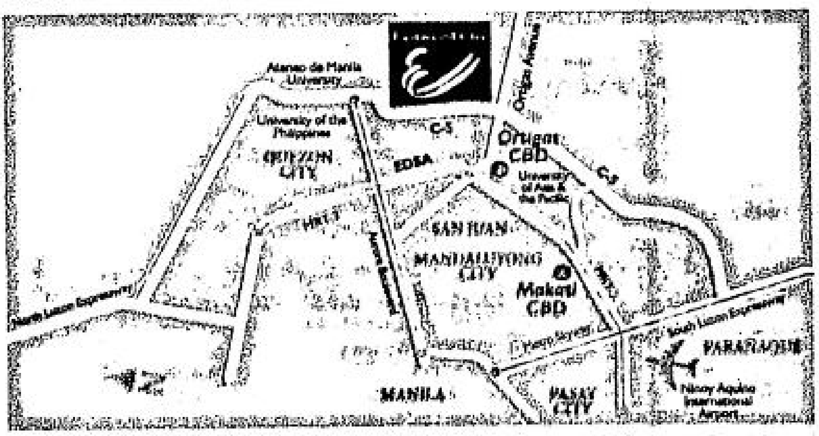

Unwrapping the 'Binalot'...

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While Rommel can single-handedly deal with the conceptualizing and marketing of Binalot, he admits that he needs help when it comes to operations and organization.

"This was when I started professionalizing Binalot—I hired more college graduates with high-skill levels unlike before. Now, it's no longer 'paki' with my parents' bookkeeper and hiring only your 'kakilala,'" he says.

How it all started

It was a few years after Rommel finished college at the De La Salle University when he and and his brother Raffy thought of setting up a business to appeal to the Filipino's fickle yet undying taste for native dishes.

"We wanted a different concept that would do away with the usual burgers, fries, hotdogs-on-a-bun and styrofoam packaging," relates Rommel, who was 24 years old when he started the business.

The siblings came up with the idea of serving native food in the traditional way—that is, wrapped in banana leaves.

"That became the main concept of our business," Rommel says. "Binalot was inspired by the way our mom used to wrap our *baon* in banana leaves whenever we had family picnics in Cavite."

The two invited another friend, Aileen Anastacio, on board to create Binalot's recipes. Anastacio studied in a culinary institute in California, US and has her own bakeshop.

The biodegradable packaging earned commendations from customers. The trio also injected Pinoy humor in its menu. Rommel says he came up with the funny names for their meals such as My Dinuguan and Only, Love Me Tenderloin Tips, Bistek Walastik and Bopisticated.

Rommel relates that Binalot initially started with "guerilla marketing" and had its first unofficial office in a Makati residential condominium in 1996.

Soon after they moved out of the condominium (since the tenants were complaining that the whole floor was beginning to smell of adobo), Binalot opened a delivery outlet in Jupiter Street, Makati since its target market then consisted mostly of office workers. Shortly after, it also put up a kiosk at Greenbelt 1.

Although sales were generally good, Rommel says that managing delivery outlets could be an unpredictable business.

"When we started, we delivered as many as 500 Binalot meals in a day. But when our country started to feel the crunch of the 1997 Asian crisis, our sales plummeted," relates Rommel.

He says that's when he realized that you cannot depend solely on delivery because of the erratic sales. During these hard times, Binalot had not been spared from operational twinges—a black period for them, according to Rommel.

Binalot had to contend with price increases of their ingredients, which they had to balance with the selling price since they can't compromise the quality of the food. Binalot was on the brink of closing down in 1998.

Fortunately for them that in the same year, Shangri-la Plaza Mall offered a space in its food court, where Binalot shelled out around P24,000 for the stall.

"That offer saved us. It destroyed our fear of putting up a stall in the food courts," says Rommel.

He says they were initially hesitant about going into malls because of the high rent. "It's difficult to be in a food court because you really have to stand out amid your competitors for you to have good sales."

Surprisingly, Binalot sold well at the Shangri-la mall, averaging 300 meals in a day.

"We realized we had less headaches with the dine-in and take-out compared to the delivery outlets. Sales were more steady," says Rommel.

Exponential growth

Now on its ninth year, Binalot continues to tickle the consumers' palate serving classic Filipino dishes in 14 outlets in Metro Manila, six of which are franchises.

Binalot has 13 meals on its menu, priced between P51 and P75. Some of the meals come with *kamatis* (tomatoes), *itlog na pula* (salted eggs) and salt underneath the leaves.

Rommel hopes that Binalot's growth will continue and extend to the provinces through franchising.

Binalot will also soon come out with freeze-dried products such as tapa and longanisa—this time, for exporting.

"There is still a huge market for Binalot to tap, especially abroad and we want to reach out to all the Filipino communities who miss these Filipino favorites," he says.

"In the end, it all boils down to your product—that will spell the success for your company," says Rommel.

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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Norma C. Pancho has been extrajudicially settled by her heir as per extra-judicial settlement of estate with doc. no. 194, page no. 40, book no. 156, series of 2005 of the Notarial Registry of Atty. Antonio B. Romulo, notary public for and in the Province of Bulacan
(PDI-June 12, 19 & 26, 2005)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARCELO PAGLINAWAN DE GUZMAN has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 295; Page No. 60; Book No. 144; Series of 2005, before Notary Public Imelda Jiro Cruz-Nery of Makati City.
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INVITATION TO BID

A consortium of banks composed of the Land Bank of the Philippines, Metropolitan Bank, AsiaTrust Bank and RCBC Savings Bank (collectively, the "Seller") has acquired the former manufacturing facility of Reynolds Philippines Inc. located in Bo. San Agustin, Dasmarinas, Cavite.

The Seller is offering the former Reynolds facility for sale through public bidding. The property will be sold in two separate lots, i.e., (1) land only, and (2) buildings and equipment, on pull-out basis. Additional description of the properties for sale, as well as their minimum bid prices, are as follows:

	Description	Minimum Bid Price
Lot 1 – Land	Five contiguous parcels of land located in Dasmarinas, Cavite, with a total area of 264,256 sq.m. more or less, covered by the following TCTs: TCT No. — Area (sq.m.) T-1038286 — 144,208 T-1038287 — 10,000 T-1038288 — 95,270 T-1038289 — 10,055 T –1038290 — 4,723	P 510,000,000.00
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The **SELLER** invites interested parties to participate in the **Public Bidding** on **July 28, 2005**, at the 10th floor, Diosdado Macapagal Hall, Land Bank of the Philippines, 1598 M.H del Pilar corner Dr. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila.

The Bidding Process shall be supervised by the **BIDS EVALUATION & AWARDS COMMITTEE - REYNOLDS** specifically created by the **SELLER**, which is composed by representatives from LandBank, Metro Bank, Asiatrust & RCBC Savings Bank.

THE SELLER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN, ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK OR CALL OFF A BIDDING PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE BIDS AND CALL FOR A NEW BID UNDER AMENDED RULES. THE DECISION OF THE SELLER IS FINAL AND BINDING.

A complete set of the Bidding Documents (Terms of Reference and Bid Forms) shall **be available on July 5, 2005** at the Special Assets Department (SPAD), Land Bank of the Philippines located at 30th Floor, LBP Plaza, 1598 M.H del Pilar corner Dr. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila (near Diamond Hotel) upon payment of a non-refundable registration/ application fee of PESOS: Five Thousand (P5,000.00).

The sale of the property thru public bidding is a direct sale transaction, hence no broker's commission shall be paid.

The Winning Bidder/s shall take possession of the awarded properties without seeking assistance from the **SELLER**. The award in favor of the winning bidder/s shall be subject to the management approval of the **SELLER**.

If for any reason the above-mentioned date is declared a non-working holiday, then the public bidding shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

BIDS EVALUATION & AWARDS COMMITTEE – REYNOLDS
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(PDI – June 26, 2005)

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Notice is hereby given that at Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors/Stockholders of Philippine Base Metal Corp. held on May 20, 2005 the Board decided that the Corporation be retired, dissolved and closed for business effective July 1, 2005.
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COL. ZOSIMO L. ANGAN (Ret.)

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wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all, who in many ways, served as instruments of God's loving concern and generosity. We deeply appreciate your offerings of Holy Masses, prayers, flowers, vigils, and other expressions of sympathy, which are consolation enough to ease the pain of our loss of a caring husband, a kind-hearted father, a loyal soldier and most of all, a faithful son of his Maker.

BURGOS O. OBAÑA

Peacefully joined our Creator on June 24, 2005
at the age of 80.

His children **Desiree, Napoleon, Nightingle** (+), **Rosemarie, Bogs** and **Thelmarie**; grandchildren **Jimmy, Adrian, Mikka, Angelo** and **Bon Burg** (+), relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Holy Family Church, Kamias, Quezon City.

Interment will be on July 2, 2005. Details to be announced later.

Our Dear Beloved

RAMON S. AQUINO, SR.

former Municipal Treasurer of Malabon City
peacefully joined the Lord on June 16, 2005
at the age of 80.

"Tatay, your presence will be deeply missed, but the memories of your love will live with us forever."

His loving wife, **LOURDES**, children, **ALICE** & Edgar, **SUZANNE** & Richard, **FE**, **MARISSA** & Rogel, **VERA** & Resty, **JUN** & Carol, grandchildren Christabel, Kimberley, Christian, Tintin, Macy, James & Myls, relatives & friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains were cremated at Eternal Gardens Memorial Homes, Novaliches, Q.C. and was buried at San Bartolome Cemetery, Malabon City on June 22, 2005.

Message of Thanks

The Family of the late

LIONEL DE TORO PENSON

who passed away in the Grace of our
Lord on June 2, 2005
wish to convey our gratitude and appreciation to all those who expressed sympathy and remembered him in their prayers.

"For I know that my redeemer liveth,
and in the last day I shall rise out of
the earth... and i shall see my God...
this my hope is laid up in my
bosom." —Job

We, the bereaved family
of the late

RAFAELA "PELANG" LUNA-MADLANGBAYAN

who passed away in the Grace of our
Lord on June 13, 2005

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered masses and prayers, gave donations, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who, in countless ways, expressed their care and concern during our difficult moments.

Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

OUR DEARLY BELOVED PAPA

HONORABLE MAYOR CELSO F. FALCOTELO

of Barcelona, Sorsogon

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 23, 2005 at the age of 70.

His loving wife **Carolina Gacosta** and children

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JUDGE CYNTHIA FALCOTELO

and grandson

MATTHEW HENRI H. FALCOTELO

Relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Falcotelo's residence at Macabari, Barcelona, Sorsogon.

Interment will be announced later.

Our Beloved Mama

NICANORA DOBLE DE LUNA

(of Botolan, Zambales)

Died in the peace of the Lord on June 24, 2005
at the age of 80.
Her remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Chapel,
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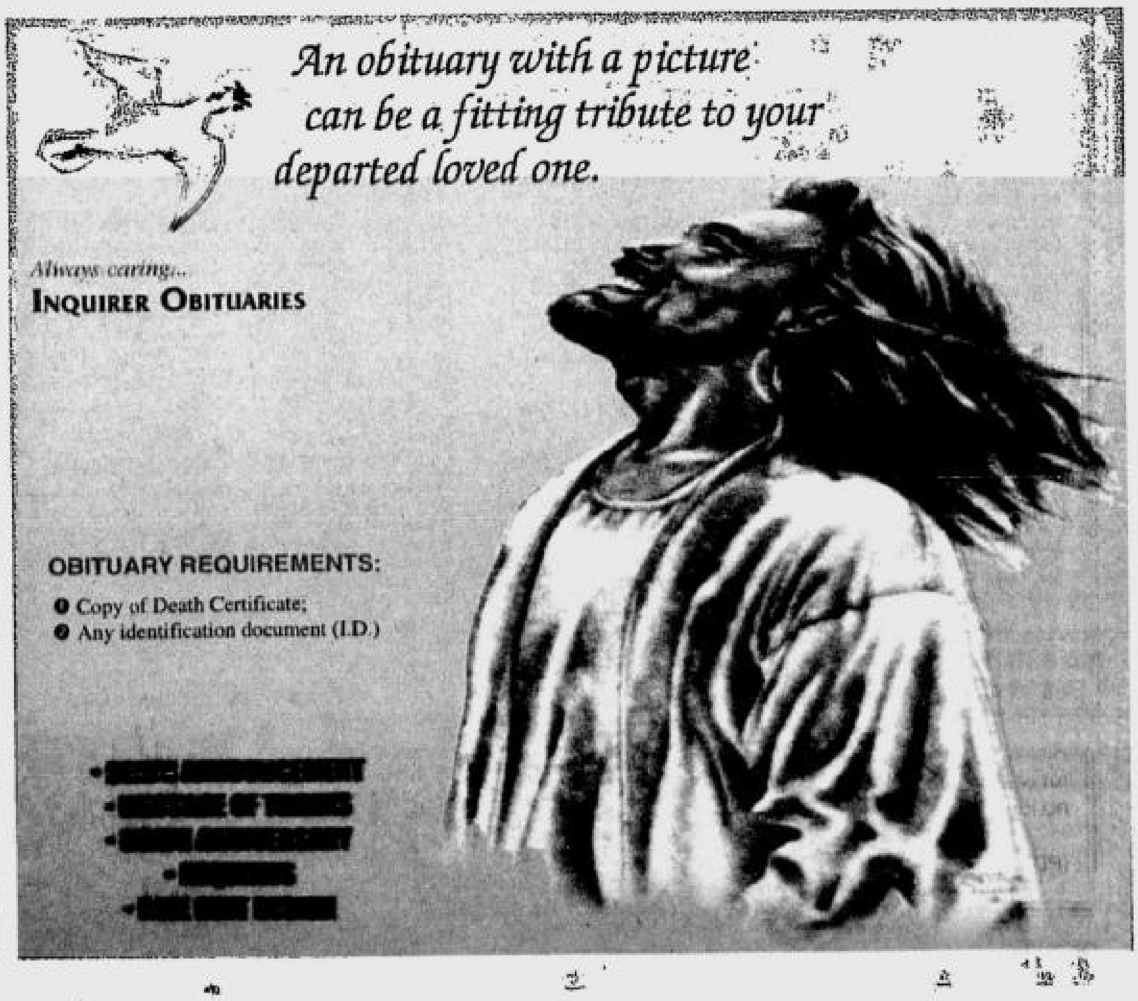
The family is requesting for your prayers
for the eternal repose of her soul.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For visiting us and being with us
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For the beautiful flowers to express
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For attending the masses and funeral rites...
For thinking of us in our grief...
For all that you have done to console
our hearts and most especially to the Clergy
and Authorities of the Archdiocese of Manila...

Our sincerest gratitude.

From the Family of the late

REV. MSGR. JUSTINO CABALLERO ORTIZ

Mass to be held on his 40th day
at Pope Pius XII Catholic Center,
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July 21, 2005

"Come to me, all who you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 10:39

AURORA SUPNET VDA. DE VERZOSA

Peacefully joined her Creator and husband (†) ***JUDGE ROQUE M. VERZOSA***
on June 21, 2005 at the age of 72.

A loving and devoted mother to her children and in-laws; **Marilou & Carl, Feliciano & Archie, Roque Jr. & Vangie, Virgilio & Nancy, Baby Aurora, Eleazar & Elaine, Jocelyn & RJ, Rolando & Ella**; and grandchildren **Maegan, Michael, Mitchel, Meljohn, Junjun, Marlow, Meynard, Boyet, Janine, Jarel, AJ, Joey Boy and Gabby**; brothers & sister **Adolfo, Florencio, George, Telesforo, Emmanuel & Beatrice.**

The family, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Magsaysay, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at Tagudin Cemetery after the 8:00 AM Mass at the St. Augustine Parish Church.

"The Lord has remembered His mercy. My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior"
Luke 1:46-47

EDGARDO "Egay" A. ALCANZARE

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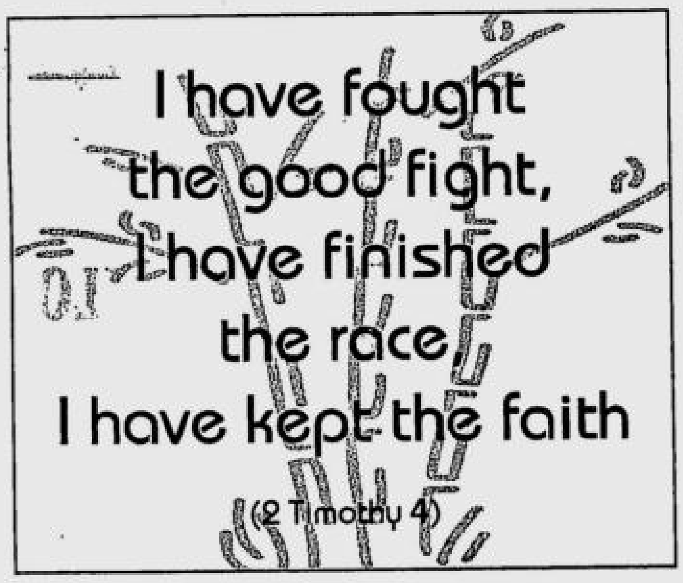
peacefully taken into God's loving arms
on June 25, 2005 at the age of 55

His loving wife Vicky, children Elaine, Dax, Vincent, Vernon, Abby, their relatives and friends request the readers to join them in praying for his eternal repose.

His ashes lie in state at the Santuario del Santo Cristo Parish Church Mortuary, F. Blumentritt, Kabayanan, San Juan, Metro Manila.

Interment will be at the Santuario del Santo Cristo Cemetery on June 28, 2005 after the 9:00 a.m. mass.



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10.	Eilleen A. Calaqui	Effective	25-May-05
11.	Rosalinda R. Raqueño	Effective	15-Jun-05
12.	Meynard S. Realina	Effective	17-Jun-05

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(PDI-June 26, 2005)

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The Land Registration Authority (LRA), through the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) No. C-04-04818 dated December 15, 2004, intends to apply the sum of **PESOS: SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (P6,500,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Guiguinto, Bulacan. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The LRA now invites potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Guiguinto, Bulacan. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the eligibility forms. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The deadline for submission of eligibility documents shall be on or before July 8, 2005. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Document. Completion of the works is within One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted unless otherwise stated to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR Part A of R.A. 9184, only. Bids from Bidders who pass an eligibility check will be opened. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall secure the Eligibility documents from the BAC Secretariat at the address stated below, on or before June 27-29, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos. They shall submit the accomplished Eligibility documents, in order for these to be received by the BAC Secretariat in the same address, on or before July 8, 2005.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Land Registration Authority and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. July 18-20, 2005.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by the Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of PESOS: THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00). The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before July 18-20, 2005.

The LRA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on July 22, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5/F LRA Building, East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the above address on August 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and amount indicated in the Bidding Documents. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on August 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the above address.

LRA reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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(PDI - June 12 & 26, 2005)

Philippine Economic Zone Authority
Bataan Economic Zone

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid Republic of the Philippines

Detailed Engineering Design (DED) of the Bataan Economic Zone (BEZ) Sewer Collection System

Detailed engineering investigations, surveys and design of the Sewer Collection System of the 167 hectares industrial area of the Bataan Economic Zone, specifically (1) the technical assessment of the existing sewer lines of Phase I Development Zone leading to the rehabilitation and/or upgrading of existing lines, and (2) the proposed new sewer lines for Phase II and III Development Zones. Work also includes preparation of technical specifications, cost estimates and tender documents of the infrastructure project to be implemented.

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)-BEZ, through the **Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing board** intends to apply the sum of **Php 2.7 million** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **DED of BEZ Sewer Collection System**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.

The **PEZA-BEZ** now calls for the submission of **Letters of Intent (LOIs)/Expressions of Interest** from potential bidders to apply for eligibility and short listing for **DED of the Sewer Collection System of the 167 hectares industrial area BEZ**. Interested consultants must submit their LOIs, which must be delivered by hand, through mail, or facsimile on or before **5PM on July 05, 2005 at 2nd Floor, BEZ-Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), BEZ Administration Building, Mariveles, Bataan** and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The process for the eligibility check is described in the Eligibility Documents. The last day for the submission of the accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on the date of the opening of Eligibility Documents: **2PM on July 15, 2005 at 2nd Floor, BEZ-BAC, BEZ Administration Building, Mariveles, Bataan.** Only those that are short listed will be entitled to submit bids.

The BAC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted LOIs and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A). The short list of prospective bidders shall consist of five (5) consultants. The criteria and rating system for short listing shall be provided in the Eligibility Documents.

In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only bids from short listed consultants will be opened. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to Filipino citizens or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 the contract will only be awarded to the Highest Rated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

The PROCURING ENTITY shall evaluate bids using the *Quality based Evaluation/Selection (BE/QBS)*. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from PEZA-BEZ at the address given below from **8AM to 12 noon and 1PM to 5PM.**

The contract shall be completed within six (6) months.

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority-Bataan Economic Zone reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

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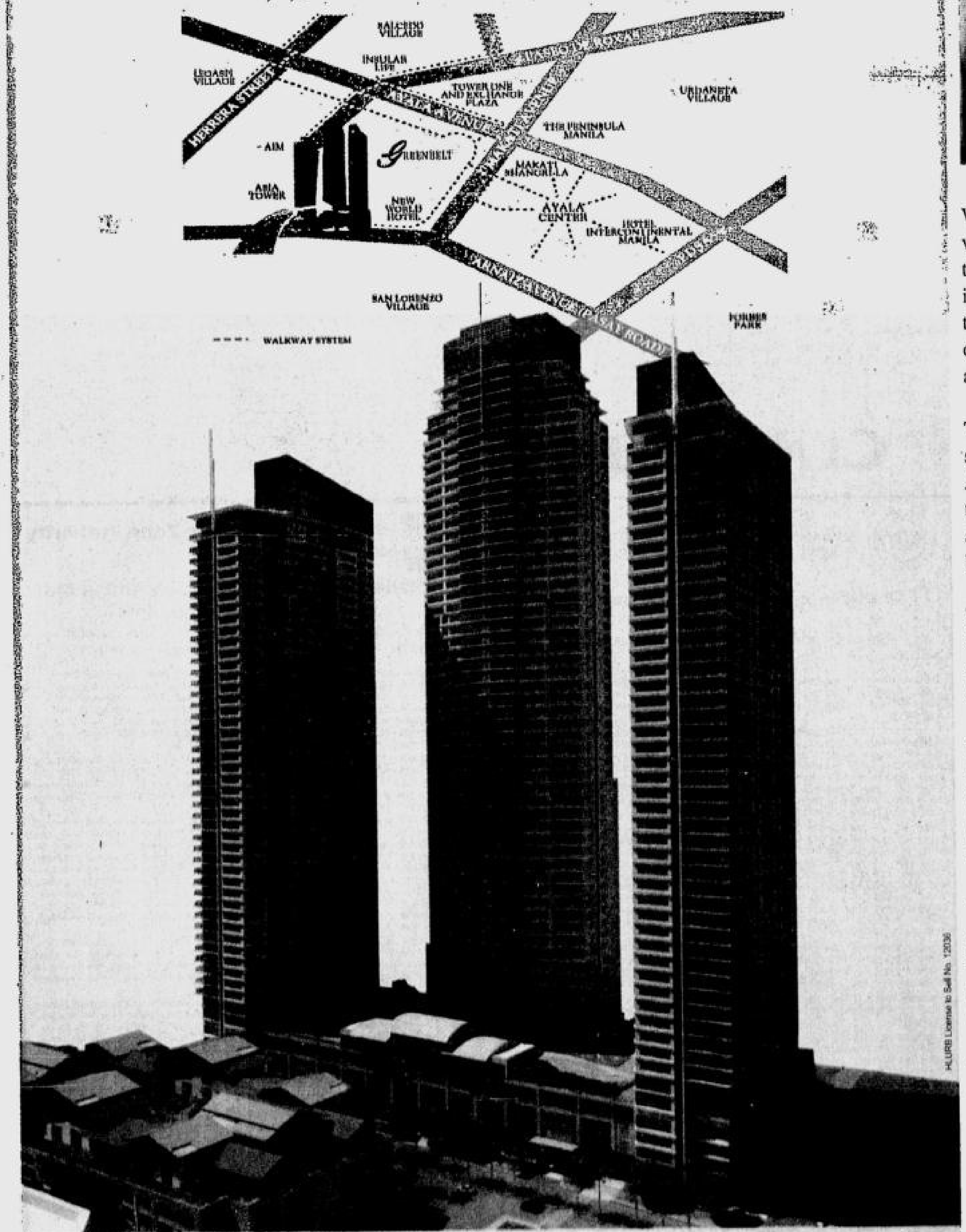

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The San Lorenzo Tower soars to a height of 195 meters comprising 57 floors, making it an imposing landmark right in the center of the Makati Central Business District. It is one of the three towers comprising The Residences at Greenbelt, the only residential condominium to bear the prestigious Greenbelt complex address.

Designed by GF & Partners, the San Lorenzo Tower is an expression of lightness, integrity and modern living, a total departure from common condominium designs which are cramped and lack relaxing views.

While other condominiums in Makati give you the back view of another building as you look out your window, the San Lorenzo Tower assures an unobstructed view in all its units. Residents can enjoy watching sights of the bustling city, particularly its majestic skyline at night, or appreciate the relaxing view of San Lorenzo Village and the Laguna hills.

The structure is curved on the inward side, creating a softer community façade facing Esperanza Drive. Architecture International and GF & Partners designed the stepped curve to reflect the changes in the unit mix, as well as to accentuate the slenderness of the front bowed prow.

The upper portion of the Tower houses the penthouse units with roof terraces. The tower is topped off with a spire, elevating the building's height to a total of 204 meters.

Units facing Arnaiz Avenue, meanwhile, are articulated by a strong vertical composition of balconies and bay windows to give them a breathtaking view of the Laguna hills. The balconies also allow for an extension of the open interior environment to the outdoors.

Two-storey high loft units highlight the façade of this side of the building, offering a new urban prototype for Makati. Residents in the garden and penthouse units also get individual private gardens which they can develop into a serene landscaped oasis.

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Be kind to animals

How to blunt the violence saturating kids' world? Teach them to care for pets

JOAQUIN, Miguel, Benjamin and Butch with their pets
JAY TABLANTE

By Butch Jimenez
Contributor

ONE of the things that often bothers me about the young generation of kids is the amount of violence they are exposed to. Almost every entertainment medium they interact with or watch has violence attached to it. I tracked my latest "dad's day" with my kids and guess what we did. We watched a little World Wrestling Entertainment show, which is obviously violence personified. We watched "Batman Begins" where almost every other frame had someone getting his bones broken. And, finally, we capped the night in an Internet café shooting each other in the virtual world of "Counterstrike."

We had a super day, and I saw in the laughter in my sons' eyes, laughter and the skip in their steps that they had a great time. But, as a father, you come home and ask yourself, amid all that violence, how do you balance it with life's lessons and teach kindness?

Some people say not to allow your sons to be exposed to these forms of entertainment. Though I respect that school of thought, I just don't find it practical. In some way, they will get exposed to violence and, worse, get it behind your back and without your supervision. To me balance is the key.

So the question remains: How do you teach your kids kindness amid a violent world? The simple solution may surprise you.

One of the best lessons I got on parenting was when my mom told me that if I wanted to teach my kids how to be kind, teach them how to take care of pets. It made sense. Exposing young children to caring for pets usually molds them into more caring human beings.

Pop and Acoustic

My three boys—Miguel, Beej and Joaquin—have two rabbits, Pop and Acoustic, that freely run around our front and back lawn, cross the street, visit our neighbors' house, and meet us every morning so they can eat rabbit pellets off our hand. (As of this writing, both rabbits have decided to roam the village on their own.)

We have a "sulcata" tortoise named Flash, which in time will be big and strong enough to carry them on his back, and an Indian Star tortoise named Rocko.

We also have a red-tail catfish named Dog who resembles a Nike rubber shoe (get it? A catfish named Dog?), and a big headed flowerhorn fish who acts like a dog because he allows us to pet his round head.

Speaking of dogs, we have a Jack Russel Terrier named Smulkey that's a small bundle of energy. Finally, the trees in our home play hosts to squirrels that leap from one branch to the next at 6 a.m., no fail.

As my boys grow up, I watch how they treat our pets. Though they have yet to become diligent when it comes to the feeding and cleaning, I can see the caring and concern they have for the animals. And as much as they enjoy the latest Playstation game, they also enjoy playtime with our dog, rabbits and tortoises.

Heart that cares

At their age, what is important is developing a heart that cares. And one way to achieve this is through pets. In some shape or form, it will translate to caring for others.

I'm confident my children know that the multimedia violent world they enter in is fantasy, while caring for their pets is reality. I'm certain they know this because I taught them that. Every time they play a new game, watch a new show, or surf a new site that has scenes of violence, I sit them down and grab that opportunity to teach them right from wrong.

In the end, the most powerful weapon against a world full of violence are parents taking time to teach, show and model to their children that kindness wins over violence. No amount of violence seen by a child can beat the wise words of a father and the loving teachings of a mother.

If like me you've been wondering how to shield your children's minds from the violence that surrounds them, try these two simple steps.

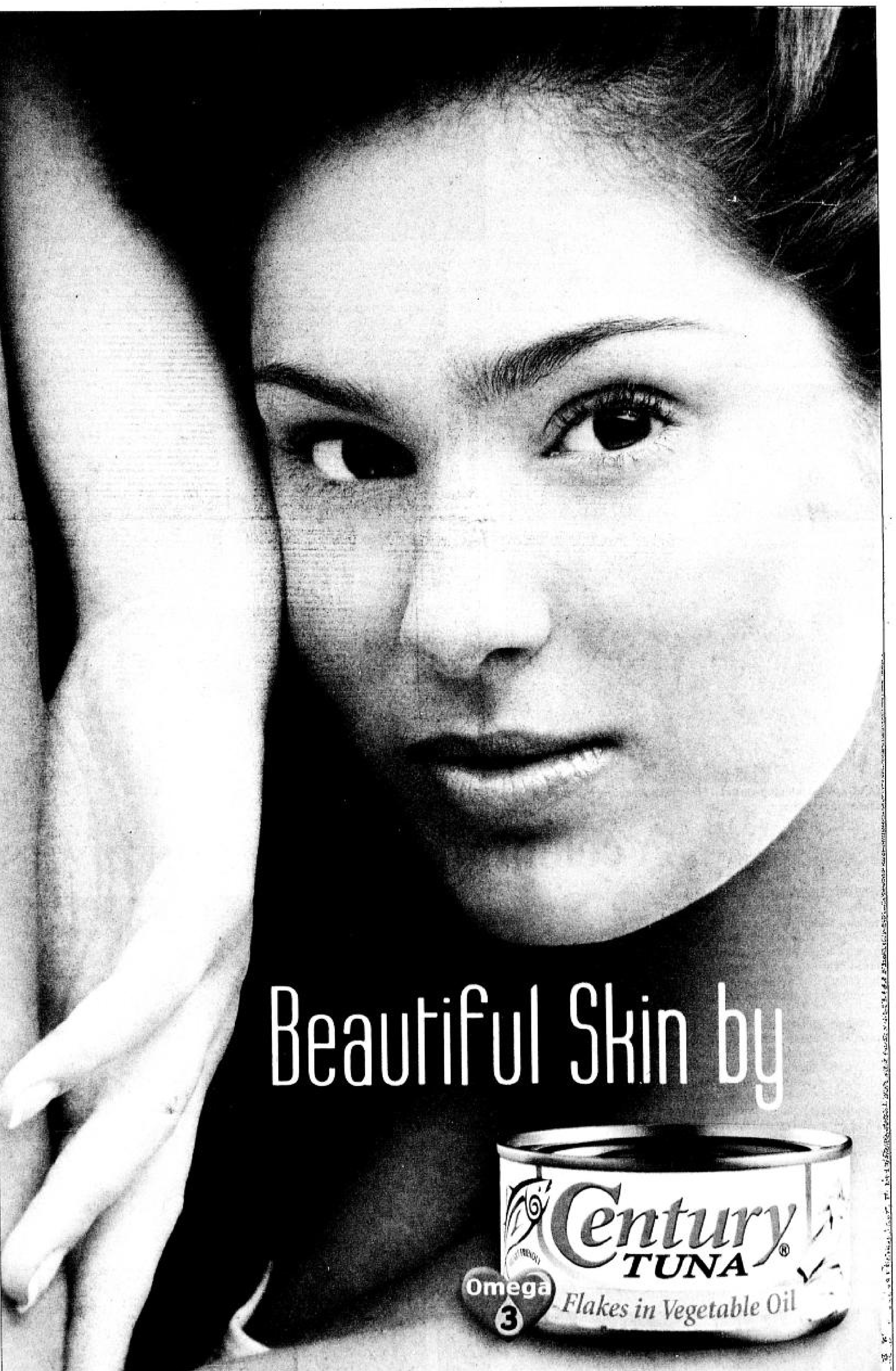
Give them a pet they can love and care for. And spend time teaching and showing them the virtue of kindness in your own life. Show them how you treat other people with respect, especially those in more humble circumstance than you. Show them how you help people in need. Show them how you volunteer to make a difference in other people's lives.

In a nutshell, the Bible sums up the proper attitude when it said, "Always esteem others higher than yourself."

Finally, instill in their hearts the rule John Wesley had for his life as he ignited the flame of Christian revival when the world was spiraling down in decadence:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the time you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you ever can.

I bet John Wesley's parents gave him a pet to care for.



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Tessa Prieto-Valdes

Mactan Shangri-La's new spa is the biggest of its kind in Asia

SHANG PR Jaja Chiongbian and spa manager Carol Fajht

SHANGRI-LA Makati GM Jarlath Lynch

MANILA friends Judy and Ram Antonio

NEIL Rumbaoa and Jing Ramos

MAYOR Tommy Osmeña and Inquirer's Jaime Picornell

IN A MEDIEVAL setting exactly 11 years ago, **Dennis** and I got hitched in an unconventional church ceremony and then had our even more unusual reception at the Makati Shangri-La's ballroom. A decade and a year later, it was just fitting we celebrated our wedding anniversary in another Shangri-La, but this time at the Mactan Island Shangri-La Resort.

Initially, we considered bringing along all the products of our union, especially our brand-new baby, **Athena**. A quick check of the logistics involved and that thought was hastily shelved. We decided it would be much simpler to just bring my electric breast pump and a small cooler to store my milk, rather than lug along yaya plus all the baby necessities.

So with all the key elements in place for a romantic anniversary cum honeymoon (complete with my still-unwanted pounds and stretch marks), we were ready to enjoy a single and singular night of long-forgotten marital bliss. Since baby Athena's arrival, I have not slept straight through an entire night, so all I was really looking forward to was some uninterrupted sleep without having to wake up at 4 a.m. to feed the baby. Even a night owl like me has limits!

Timing is everything, and the invitation to the grand opening of Chi Spa at the Mactan Island Shangri-La was too difficult to resist. Chi is the largest spa village in Asia and a real testament to Cebu's growing prominence as an Asian tourist destination. It really is incredible, and so heartwarming, to see foreign investors, like the Kuok family who own the Shang group, continue to have faith in our country, and more important, increase their investments in our country.

For the record, Chi is $4 million worth of luxury spa villas, not to mention over 60 therapist jobs alone—the best of whom will have opportunities at overseas jobs as the Shang group opens more Chi Spas across Asia. Dennis and I have been eagerly anticipating the opening of Chi for over a year, so off we flew to Mactan early last week.

GENEROUS abstract artist Ivan Acuna

GUEST of honor President GMA with Ms Kay Goon, GM Timothy Wright and chair Tom Zita

SPA guests Cristina Pelaez, Jackie Lotzof and Tatler's Pierre Calasanz

CEBU Gov. Gwen Garcia and Maryanne Arculli

Who's Who

The opening bash was a who's-who of Manila and Cebu. **President GMA**, taking a one-hour break from her travails in Manila, led the chi-chi set at Chi. As is her usual practice, the President arrived early, did the tour and was already walking out by the time most of the guests were just walking in. Dennis and I saw her walking by just as we arrived at Chi's front entrance. Well, such an elegant coincidence should never be ignored.

"Madame President, stop!" I actually shouted at her as she walked past, escorted by Shang chair **Tom Zita** and GM **Timothy Wright**. To my surprise, she actually did, and as composed as anything, turned around, smiled and asked me, "Tessa, how is your baby?" Now that's the sort of unflappable memory and composure that every good president needs! After a few quick photos, she was off again—and quite a few photogs in the group thanked me for having the audacity to actually get our single-minded president to stop.

With the VIP *politicos* off, the spa suddenly felt more relaxed. Perhaps we could actually talk now without fear of being taped. All the guests walked around, escorted by Shang's superb staff, noting the treatment areas with spacious relaxation areas, private garden patios, sunken Himalayan tubs, herbal steam rooms and all the wonderful amenities and aromas of a top spa. The entrance alone is breathtaking, with a marvelous, glass chandelier from Prague circling around a lotus flower fountain.

Water is in generous use throughout, from fountains to jacuzzis to small pools. Everywhere, the mood is meant to relax the soul. Truly, Chi has upped the benchmark for spas, not only in the Philippines but also around the world. In fact, combined with our Pinoy hospitality, I feel Chi Spa will surely equal or surpass the stature of Chiva Som in Thailand and other top spas around the world.

Menu of treatments

Shang's PR tandem of **Neil Rumbaoa** and **Jaja Chiongbian** had generously arranged for Dennis and I to get treatments at Chi the very next morning. We glanced through what was literally a menu of treatments, ranging from a one-hour-and-15-minute Traditional Thai Massage to the full Monty: the Grand Villa Full Day Experience, which includes six hours in the Grand Villa Suite, lunch, refreshments, Himalayan Water Therapy, Herbal Steam and a choice of either a Tropical Serenity Ritual, Vitality Ritual or Paradise Found.

All I can say is, when you visit Chi, leave your cell phone behind and be prepared to truly de-stress for at least three or four hours. The staff starts off the experience with a Welcome Foot Ritual, wherein your shoes and inhibitions are left at the door. Once inside a villa, everything is so serene that it is tempting to truly just forget that there is a world that you need to get back to at some point.

After the treatments, I made sure I passed by the Chi shop—where their oils and balms are available to take home. Of particular note is their cashmere bathrobe, which is softer than cotton, and wonderfully warm and cuddly.

It must be Shang Week, because Shangri-La Makati GM **Jarlath Lynch** reminded me that their newly-refurbished Shang Palace opens on Tuesday, June 28. Well what could be better than detoxing at Chi, then flying to Manila and supping at Shang Palace? I, for one, wouldn't miss it! But Tuesday is truly a full night, because just before dinner, I must swing by "Beauty in a Rhapsody," the exhibit of abstract expressionist painter **Ivan Acuna** at Rustan's Essenses in Makati. Ivan is a truly charitable soul, as every purchase of his work will mean a contribution to Essenses Foundation.

I am already looking forward to more wedding anniversaries, as I know the Shang group is building in Boracay and will, of course, continue to expand their existing hotels all over the country. I just wonder if Dennis knows how many more Shangri-Las we haven't visited!

Email me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.

CEBU chic couples Johanna and Michael Lhuillier and Manuel and Christina Heredia

CHARITABLE Marietta Santos, Joy and Francis Onglatco

A celebration of unity in diversity

HELENE Delavault recital opening at RCBC. Ms Delfin Colome, Tessie Luz, Ambassador Delfin Colome, Virginia Moreno and Dianna Ongpin-Recto

FRENCH Spring opening. Energy Sec. Raphael Lotilla (center) with Elvira Chan of Metrobank Foundation, press attaché Benedicte Meyssan, Ana and Chito Sobrepeña

ANYONE interested in French culture knows that June is the month to wait for. National Commission for Culture and the Arts chair **Ambeth Ocampo** and French Charge d'Affaires **Bernard Regnauld-Fabre** formally opened at RCBC the French Spring Season, now on its seventh year, that celebrated Unity in Diversity.

Helene Delavault's operatic recital staged in a cabaret setting evoked images of Paris. The wonderful performance was followed by charity concerts like "Rock for a Reason" at the European International School. Proceeds from the show were donated to Sagip Buhay Infanta and to other non-government organizations.

Greenbelt 1 hosted the third Manila Jazz Festival with an exciting array of world-class performers like Jewelmer Jazz Band and Jamie Oehlers Quartet that contributed to a deeper appreciation of jazz music.

Crowd-drawer

The season is not complete without a film festival. Now on its 10th year, the festival attracted close to 30,000 viewers! Featured this year were 15 films shown in Paris recently plus some Filipino films such as **Marilou Diaz-Abaya's** "Bagong Buwan" and **Cesar Montano's** "Panaghoy Sa Suba." Well-known travel photographer **George Tapan** had an exhibit, "Paris Off Color," in the lobby of Greenbelt 1 that showed the beauty of Paris from a Filipino's perspective.

Lovers of classical music were treated to French Colors featuring 12 young French musicians at the Francisco Santiago Hall followed by a string orchestra performance at the Ayala Museum that also offered **Elodie Brunet's** exhibit of designs for pineapple fiber and silk, *sli-on* (a T'boli word meaning exquisite), executed by the women of Rurungan NGO in Palawan. For the last concert, all 12 musicians formed an ensemble for the grand finale.

Spectators at Greenbelt Ayala Center, Intramuros and the European International School were entertained by the *Passage des Emboites*, a street juggling performance by *Les Apostrophes*, five French and German actors, jugglers, acrobats and dancers. The group employed common objects as instant props and performed to the accompaniment of an accordionist to the delight of the crowds.

Airdance presented "Indios Bravos," a full-length dance theater piece that highlighted the experiences of Filipinos abroad while French artist-in-residence in the Philippines, **Maxime Acker** , exhibited photographs of his installations, sculptures and videos at the Alliance Française. Presented at Onstage in Greenbelt 1 was *L'Homme de Hus*, a contemporary circus performance by Camille Boitel that showed the local audience the new trends in modern circus.

Finally, the French Spring Season closed with the Fête de la Musique 2005, first introduced in France in 1982 by Minister of Culture Jack Lang, an all-day, all-night celebration of music to welcome summer that featured performances from El Pueblo to Eastwood, Shangri-La Plaza and Megamall.

PASSAGE DES EMBOITES. A street juggling performance by Les Apostrophes

ELODIE Brunet with her artwork

FRENCH Ambassador Renee Veyret sweetly smiles as she plays the guitar.

The stuff of saints

By Pinky Aunario
Contributor

IT WAS a habit for Josemaría Escriva to walk with his brother Santiago, 17 years his junior, down by the park to buy from a candy vendor. One day, as they approached the stand, a gust of air blew, sullying all the candy. Then the vendor started licking off the grit from all his lollipops.

Josemaría never bought candy from him since.

This anecdote might seem like a trifle. But seen in the context of the life of a saint, it takes on a deeper meaning.

I first heard this detail about St. Josemaría, founder of Opus Dei and canonized on Oct. 6, 2002 by Pope John Paul II, from my philosophy teacher one stuffy afternoon. I doubt if she was making some metaphysical point. St. Josemaría isn't even the center of the story. Put in another protagonist and it would not have made a difference.

ST. Josemaría Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, and his message of sanctity in the ordinary is immortalized in the hearts of many.

But maybe that's just the point: Stories about saints don't have to be the miraculous or the devastating type. Saints have always been placed on pedestals that it becomes so hard to think of them as living the same lives as we regular folk live. It also becomes so hard to think of us being like them.

This must be why St. Josemaría struck many as being revolutionary. His teaching and his own life dispelled the myth that sainthood takes you away from what is normal; that it transforms you into some superhero exempt from any kind of emotion.

Sanctity in the ordinary—this was the essence of the saint's message, from the time his own vocation began. St. Josemaría lived and grew up wanting to be an architect. This all changed, however, when one winter morning, he saw bare footprints on the snow made by a discalced Carmelite monk, presumably as some form of sacrifice. Witnessing the Carmelite monk's devotion to his calling, Josemaría realized and accepted that his life was meant for something else.

Founding Opus Dei

He became a priest on March 28, 1925 in Saragossa, and three years after on Oct. 2, he "saw" Opus Dei. It's Latin for "Work of God." In Dennis M. Helming's "Footprints in the Snow," St. Josemaría says, "the easiest way to understand Opus Dei... is to consider the life of early Christians. They lived their Christian vocation seriously, seeking earnestly the holiness to which they have been called by their baptism. Externally they did nothing to distinguish themselves from their fellow citizens. The members of Opus Dei are ordinary people. They work like everyone else and live in the midst of the world just as they did before they joined. There is nothing false or artificial about their behavior. They live like any other Christian citizen who wants to respond fully to the demands of his faith."

Opus Dei survived the civil war in Spain and spread across the globe, serving the Church in union with the Pope and the bishops. So somehow, St. Josemaría did become an architect—helping people construct the edifice of their sanctity.

St. Josemaría died in Rome on June 26, 1975, but he and his message of sanctity in the ordinary is immortalized in the hearts of many and in that little sepia prayer card.

When I was younger, I used to call it the wishing card, a genie without the lamp and the three-wish limit. The card was pocket-size, ready to be whipped out when trouble appears.

I don't go to centers regularly. I tune out during meditations and prayers because my attention span is that of a two-year-old. I am not a member of Opus Dei. That's okay. It's either you are meant for it or not. St. Josemaría's sister, Carmen, wasn't a member either. But that didn't stop her from helping out Opus Dei. Not all are called to Opus Dei. But all are called to be good. Good enough to be saints. We're all meant for that. Even if the Big Eye in the Sky doesn't tell us so, we know we're meant for that. We are all meant to struggle every day through our ordinary ways, extraordinarily. And this is what St. Josemaria did.

So now I grapple with the ruts and bumps of life with my sepia card, reminding me that anything as lowly as getting dirty to replace a flat tire can be something wonderful in eternity.

To mark the 30th anniversary of St. Josemaría Escrivá's death today, solemn Masses will be held in different churches in Metro Manila and elsewhere.

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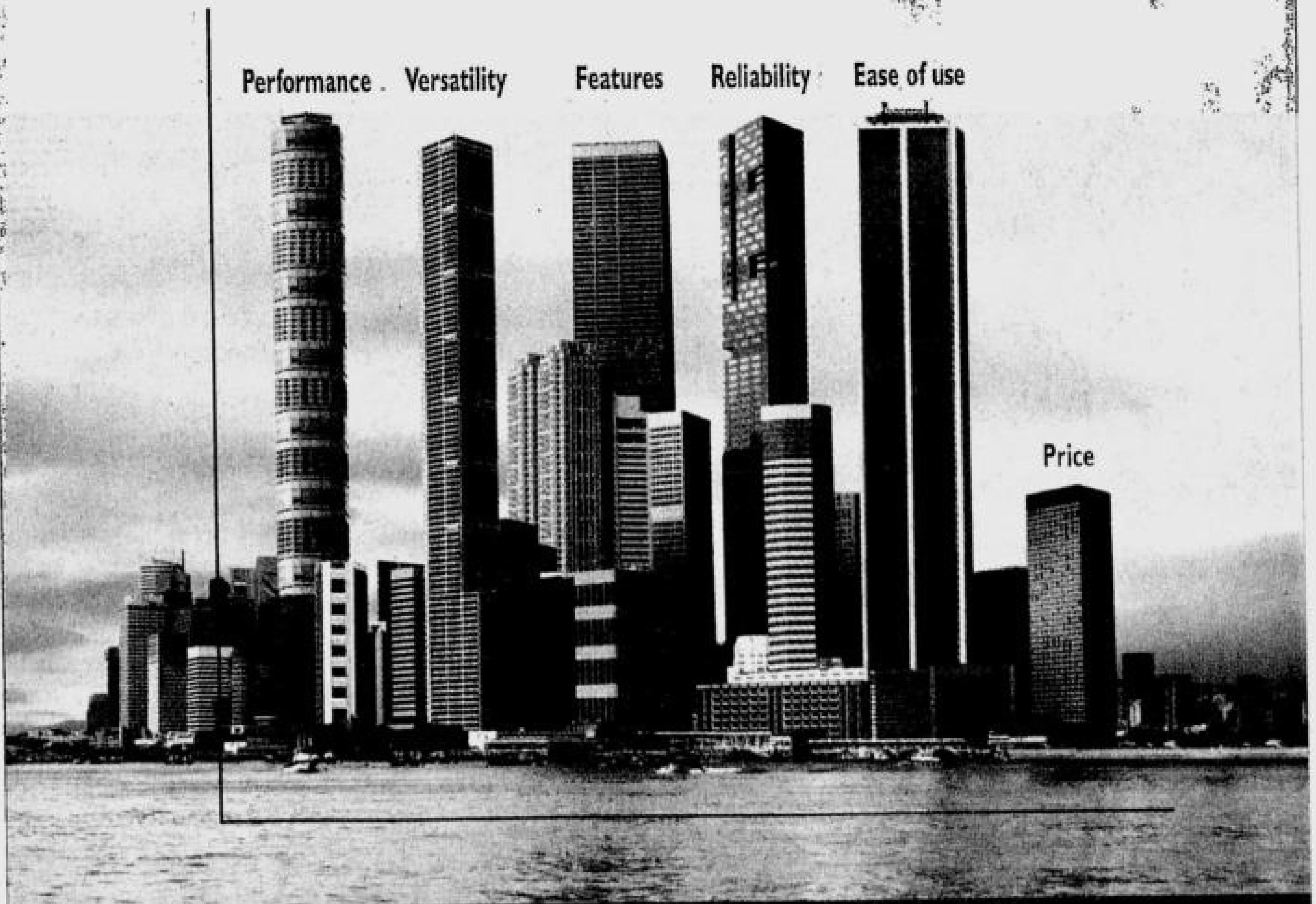

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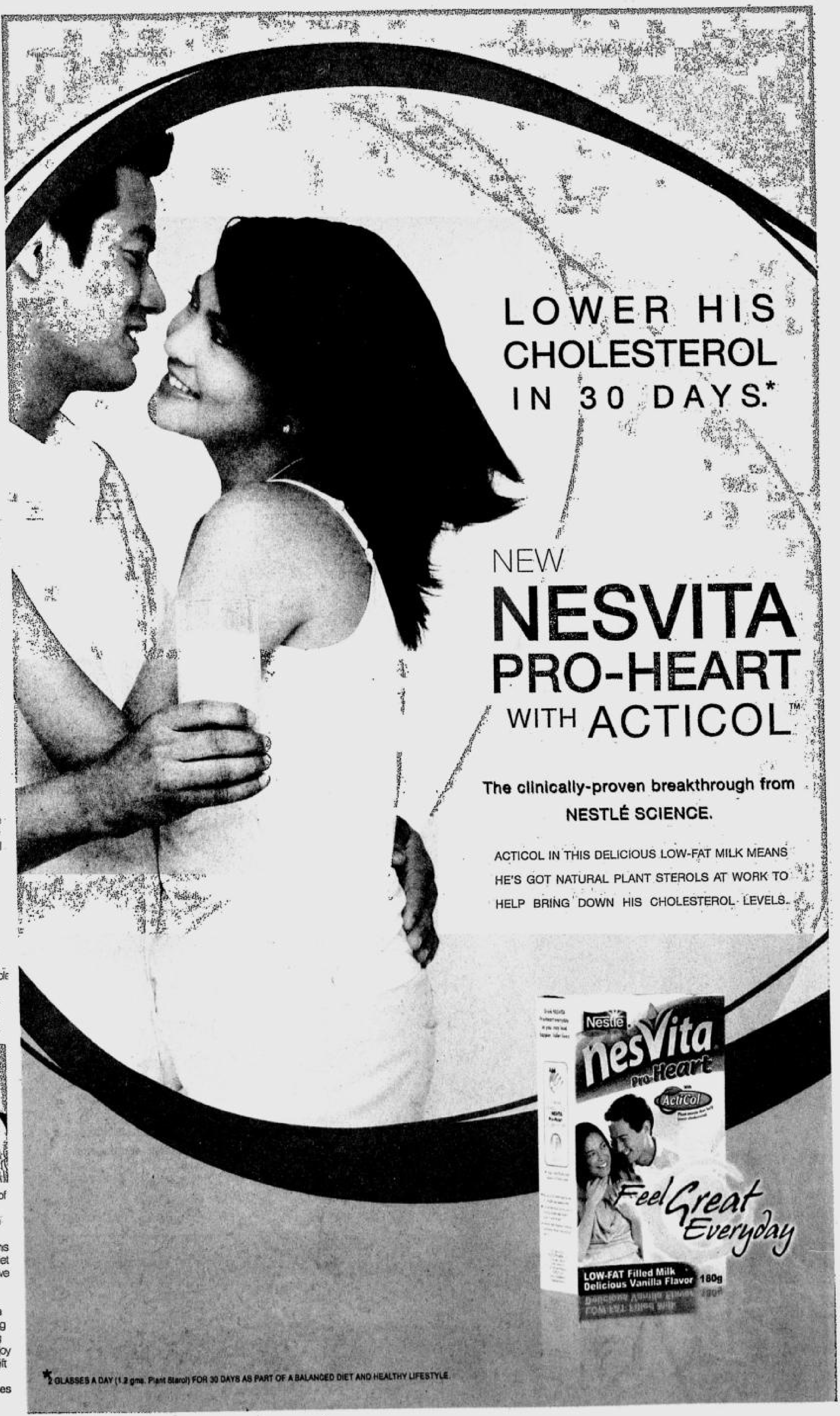

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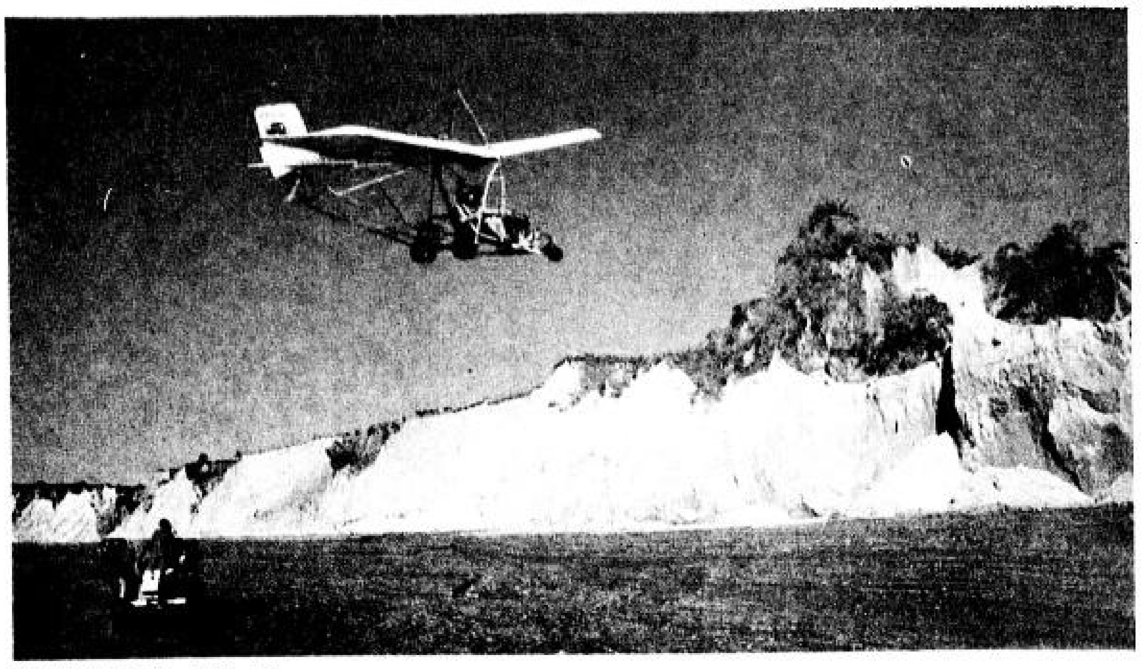

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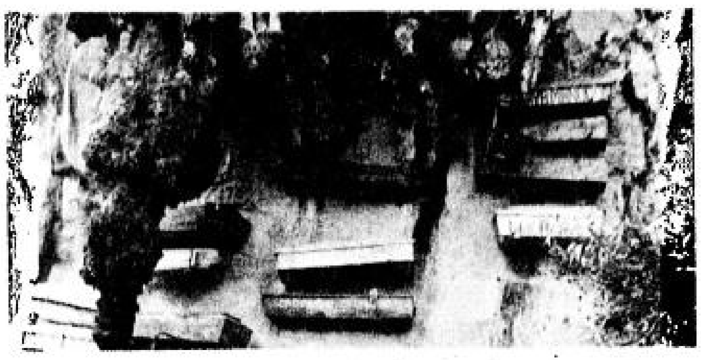

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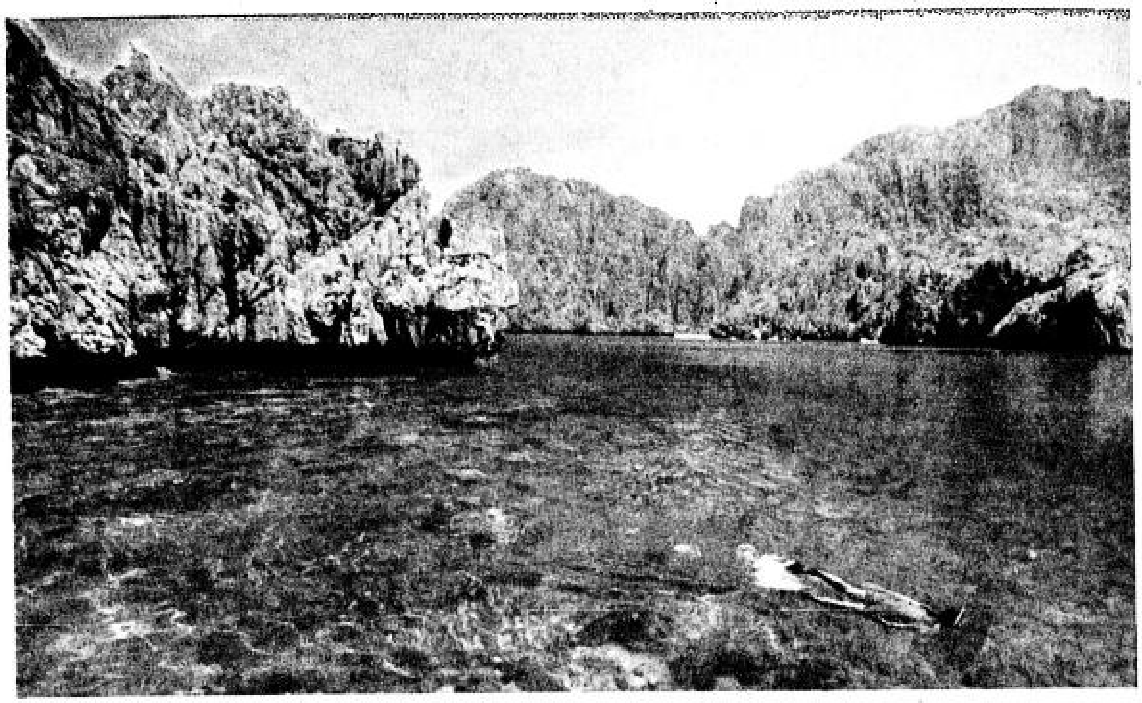

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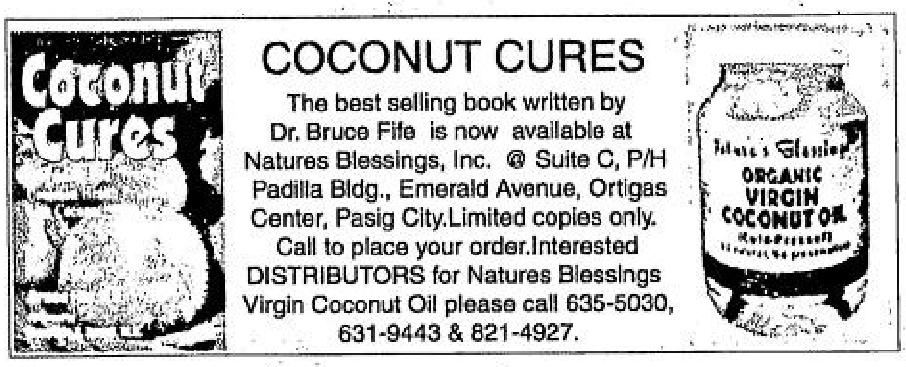

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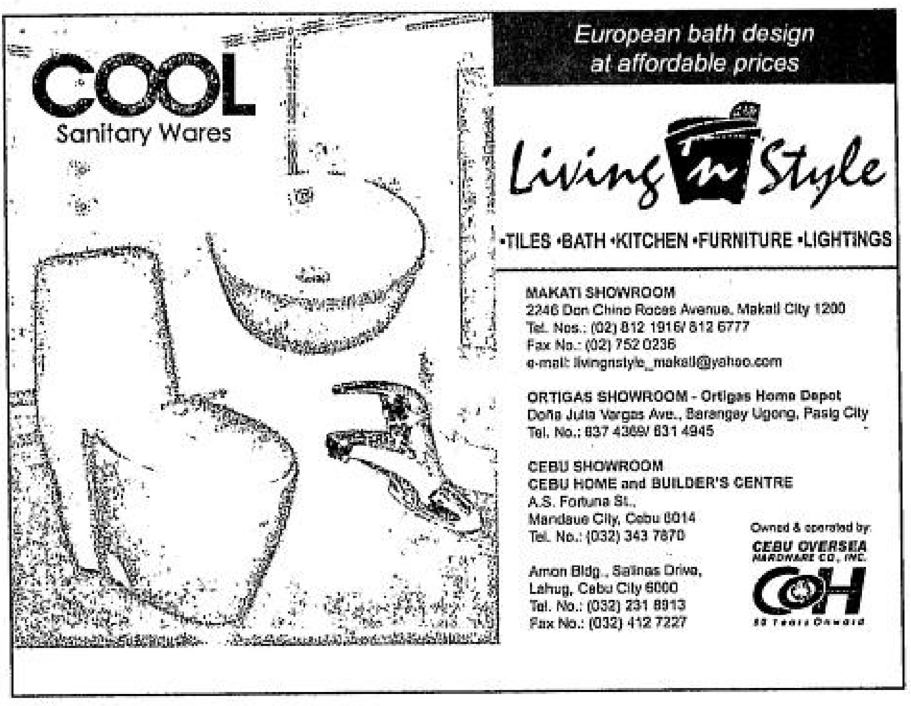

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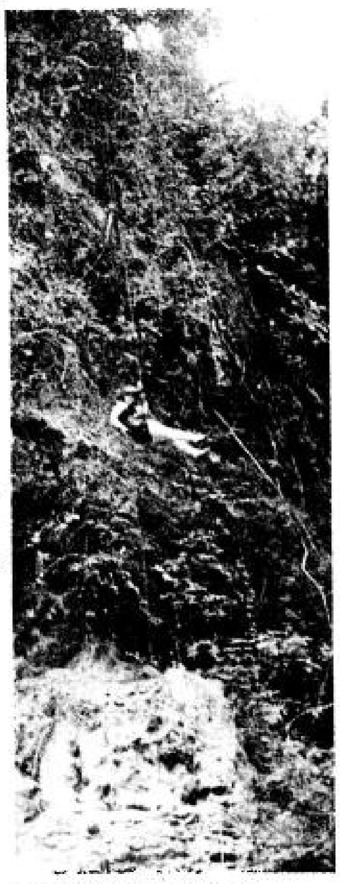

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Bright family haven

A strikingly minimalist affair, this QC house was designed to offer ample private areas for every family member

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
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THE FAMILY'S patriarch had a few requirements when his family of six, including a married son, his wife and their new baby, set about building a second home in a gated community in Quezon City. He wanted a bright, minimalist affair with enough private areas for every family member, as well as common areas for unwinding and entertaining relatives and friends.

The task of building the family's dream home (names withheld upon request) fell squarely on the shoulders of the son, who commissioned architect Edgar Chan of Matrix Design and interior designer Pam Mendoza (tel. 7212423 or e-mail at pmendoza@zpdee.net).

"But before we were able to lay down a single foundation," says the son, "we had to dig and even out the sloping land and create retaining walls to prevent it [land] from caving in."

The team then set about building a four-story house, which includes a basement and attic, with a series of big glass windows and even bigger pivot doors which have become conversation pieces. One has to be blind to miss these massive swinging doors with stainless steel inlay.

The same holds true for a huge frosted glass window that can be seen from the outside. Not only does it echo the structure's rigid lines, the window's commanding presence adds character to an otherwise nondescript façade.

"Some of the (clear) glass windows are double glazed and have argon gas in between the two sheets," the son adds.

This type of window helps conserve energy by keeping the cold air in and the warm air out. They work the other way around in temperate countries such as the United States, where the windows were imported.

White living room walls, certain sections of which are bordered by clear glass to create a floating effect, act as blank canvasses for the family's abstracts. The high-ceilinged area is framed by a series of bright pin lights

BRIGHT/ E2

ONE OF THE house's oversized pivot doors leads to the lanai by the pool area.

Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of TCLI

First Filipina Pilot from American Flyers

Ms. Arlen on her aviation at American Flyers.

Ms. Arlen M. Bayoneta, chief operating officer and vice president of Trinidad Cosmetics Laboratory, Inc. (TCLI), makers of Likas Papaya, the first Filipino pure organic papaya whitening herbal soap, has received her private pilot license making her the first Filipina pilot to finish the private pilot program from American Flyers.

Ms. Arlen, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Belen Mangahas-Bayoneta, founder of TCLI, arrived from United States of America on June 17, 2005 fresh off her graduation from American Flyers, Pompano Fort Lauderdale Florida, U.S.A.

American Flyers, America's largest flying school is honored to have Arlen as their first lady pilot from the Philippines to finish their private pilot program. American Flyers offers how-to-fly program, license upgrade and aviation career. Even though American Flyers have all the features of a large organization, its reputation rests solely on the personal service, making it the only American flying school with the highest number of pilot graduates, a record unsurpassed by any other flying school the world over. Flying lesson as an intensive course at American Flyers School normally starts at 7a.m. to 11p.m., 7 days a week but with break/off upon request.

For Ms. Arlen, finishing her private pilot is her major achievement after graduating from Cardiff University in Wales, United Kingdom (UK) in 2000 with MBA degree. This achievement took her 35 days to complete the course. She is especially proud of the 82% rating in her "take one" written exam.

According to her, in between storms in Florida, her scheduled flying always had to be rescheduled over and over until it finally took off.

"Being the first Filipina pilot to achieve this private pilot program at American Flyers is one of my greatest achievements I've ever received. It's really an honor to finish this course and I dedicate this achievement to our country," says Ms. Arlen with pride.

Now, Ms. Arlen M. Bayoneta is not only a provider of beauty but also an Airman Private Pilot registered under licensed by U.S. Department of Transportation issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of United States of America.

Proud Pinay Pilot. Ms. Arlen M. Bayoneta, TCLI Chief Operating Officer with American Flyers Personnel (from left) Captain Roy Rogers; Mr. David Stallard, School Admissions Director and Mr. Patrick Connel; Instructor.

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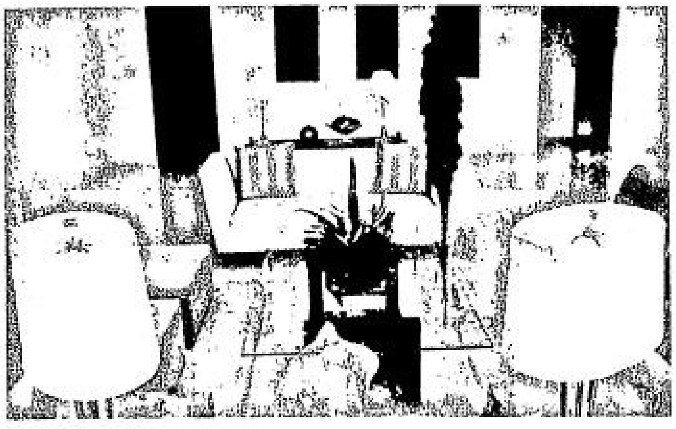

VIEW of the barely lived-in living room from another angle shows the absence of columns to support the ceiling and mar the view.

Bright family haven

The four-story house features a series of big glass windows and even bigger pivot doors which have become conversation pieces

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above and shiny slabs of Italian marble below.

"We agreed not to buy fancy chandeliers so as not to mar the ceiling's simplicity," says the wife. "The only suspended lighting fixture we bought is a square lamp dangling from the dining-room ceiling."

The square lamp mimics the shapes of both the ceiling and 12-seat dining table below. Aside from a built-in buffet table made of solid *narra*, one of the dining room's focal points is again an abstract by an unknown Filipino artist.

Streamlined

The white ceiling is devoid of drama except for narrow and shallow gaps along the wall. Mendoza chucked traditional cornices in favor of these gaps for a more streamlined and contemporary look. The wood-stained stairs made of solid narra steps with *kamagong* inlay keep the nearly all-white ground floor from becoming too stark.

Even the huge, custom-made furniture pieces exude a minimalist yet inviting flavor. The son ordered and had them shipped from Canada from a company called Norwalk. Mendoza took care of designing most of the other furniture pieces, particularly smaller accent pieces made mostly of wood.

The interior designer's bias for sculptural elements is reflected in the glass-topped coffee table with its sculptural legs. Mendoza's round slate table near the pool area stands on a series of stainless-steel rods arranged in such a way like bound and slanted sticks.

"My father wanted a swimming pool built even before we started construction," says the son. "Swimming is his favorite form of exercise."

Since the house already occupies a considerable portion of the lot, the son had to work on the remaining area near the perimeter wall. Doing a round or kidney-shaped variety was out of the question. Instead, he had a long, relatively narrow lapping pool built.

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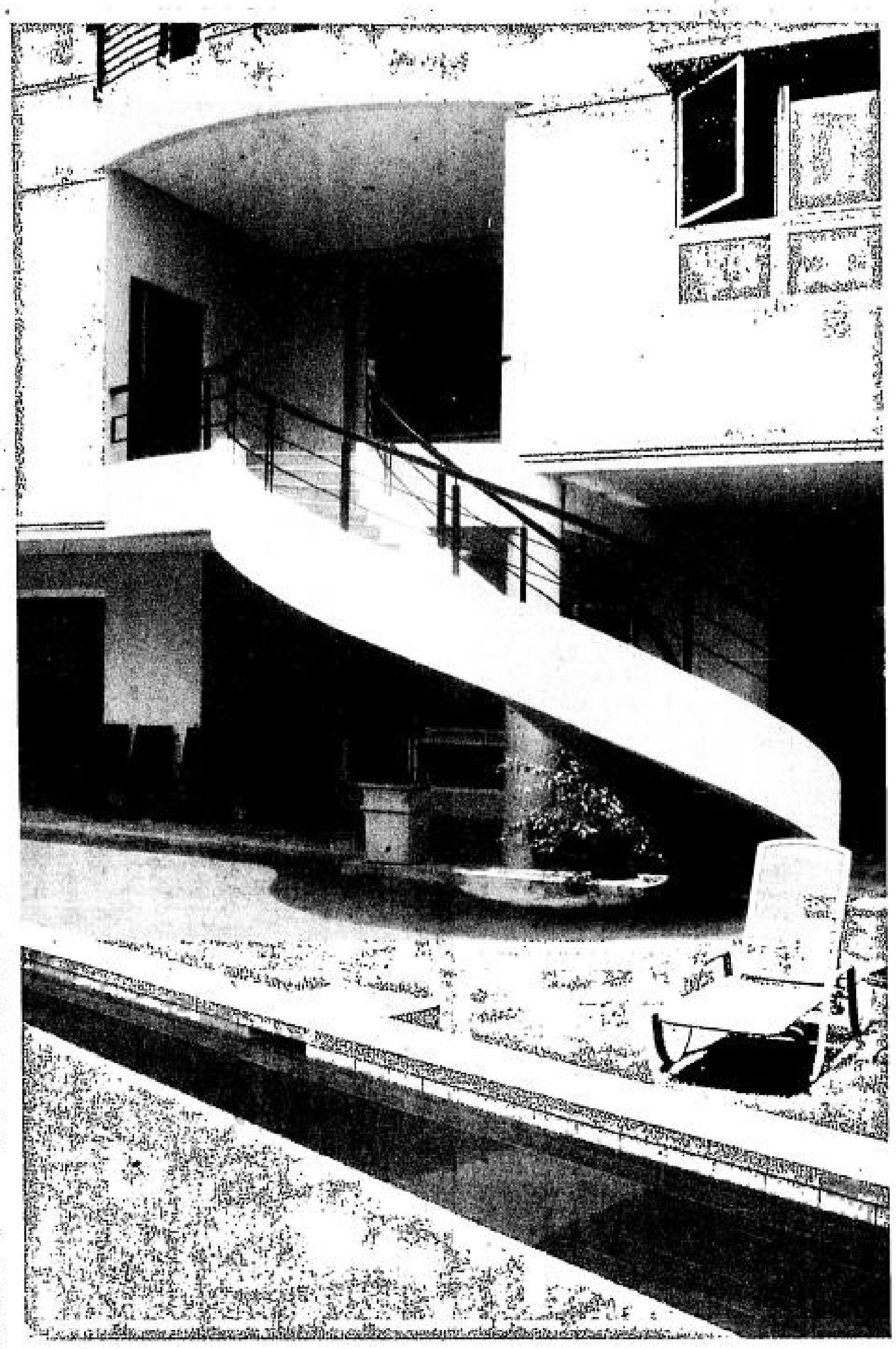

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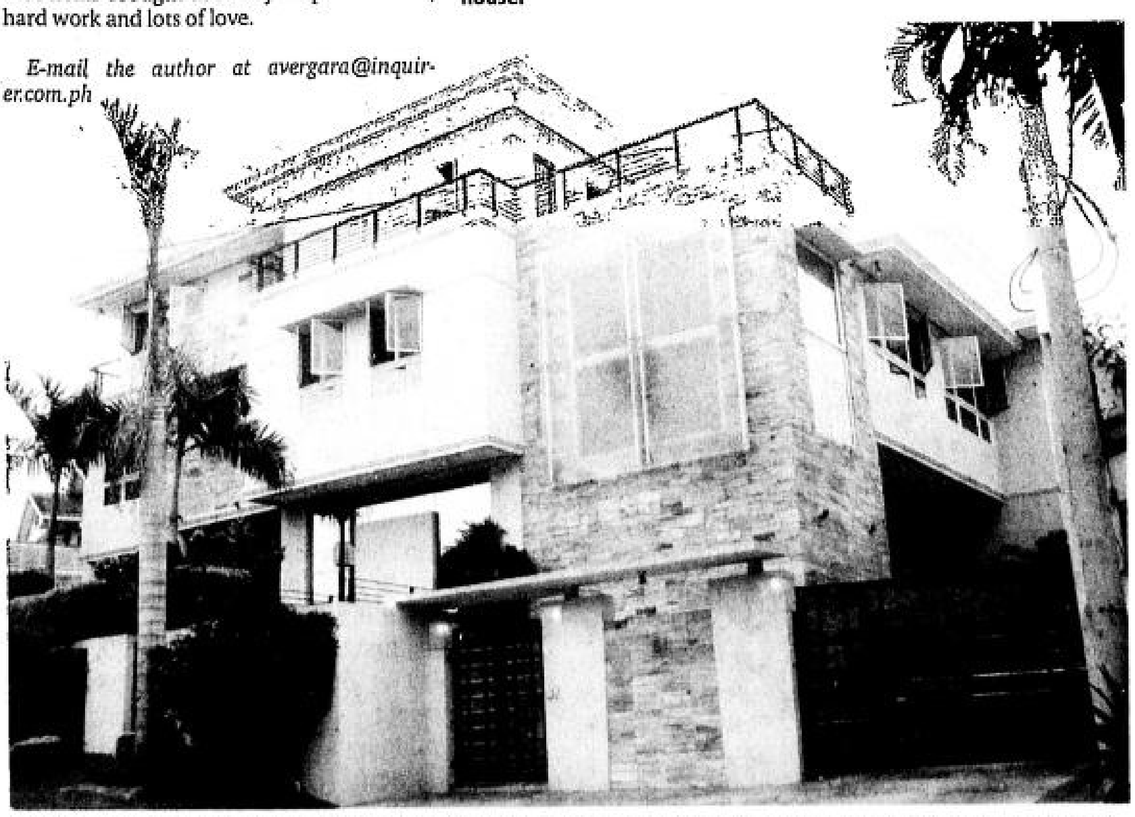

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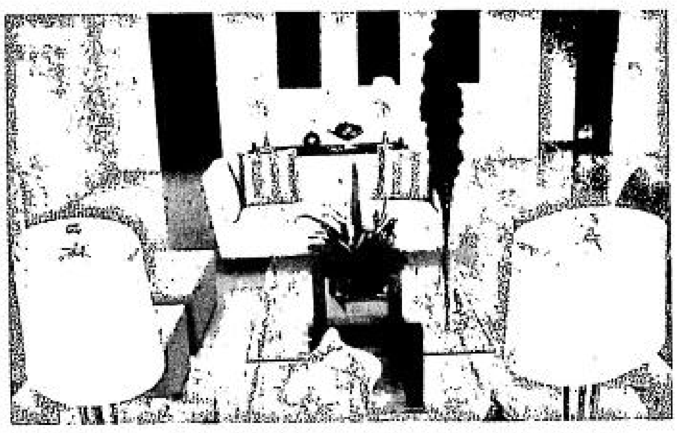
VIEW of the barely lived-in living room from another angle shows the absence of columns to support the ceiling and mar the view.

Bright family haven

The four-story house features a series of big glass windows and even bigger pivot doors which have become conversation pieces

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above and shiny slabs of Italian marble below.

"We agreed not to buy fancy chandeliers so as not to mar the ceiling's simplicity," says the wife. "The only suspended lighting fixture we bought is a square lamp dangling from the dining-room ceiling."

The square lamp mimics the shapes of both the ceiling and 12-seat dining table below. Aside from a built-in buffet table made of solid *narra*, one of the dining room's focal points is again an abstract by an unknown Filipino artist.

Streamlined

The white ceiling is devoid of drama except for narrow and shallow gaps along the wall. Mendoza chucked traditional cornices in favor of these gaps for a more streamlined and contemporary look. The wood-stained stairs made of solid narra steps with *kamagong* inlay keep the nearly all-white ground floor from becoming too stark.

Even the huge, custom-made furniture pieces exude a minimalist yet inviting flavor. The son ordered and had them shipped from Canada from a company called Norwalk. Mendoza took care of designing most of the other furniture pieces, particularly smaller accent pieces made mostly of wood.

The interior designer's bias for sculptural elements is reflected in the glass-topped coffee table with its sculptural legs. Mendoza's round slate table near the pool area stands on a series of stainless-steel rods arranged in such a way like bound and slanted sticks.

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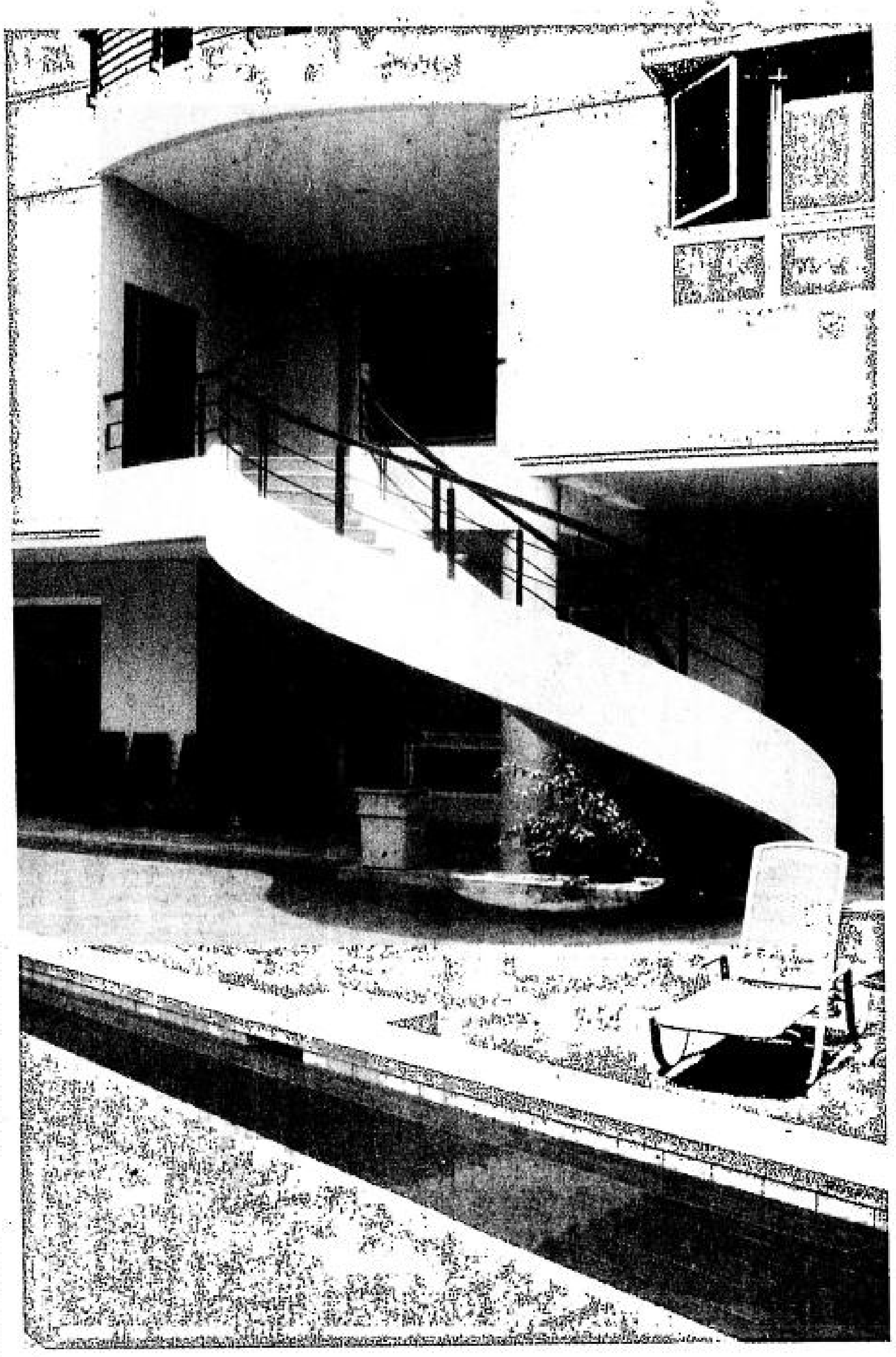
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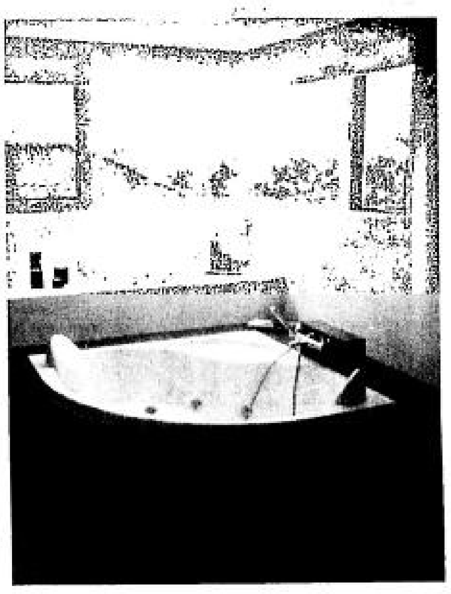
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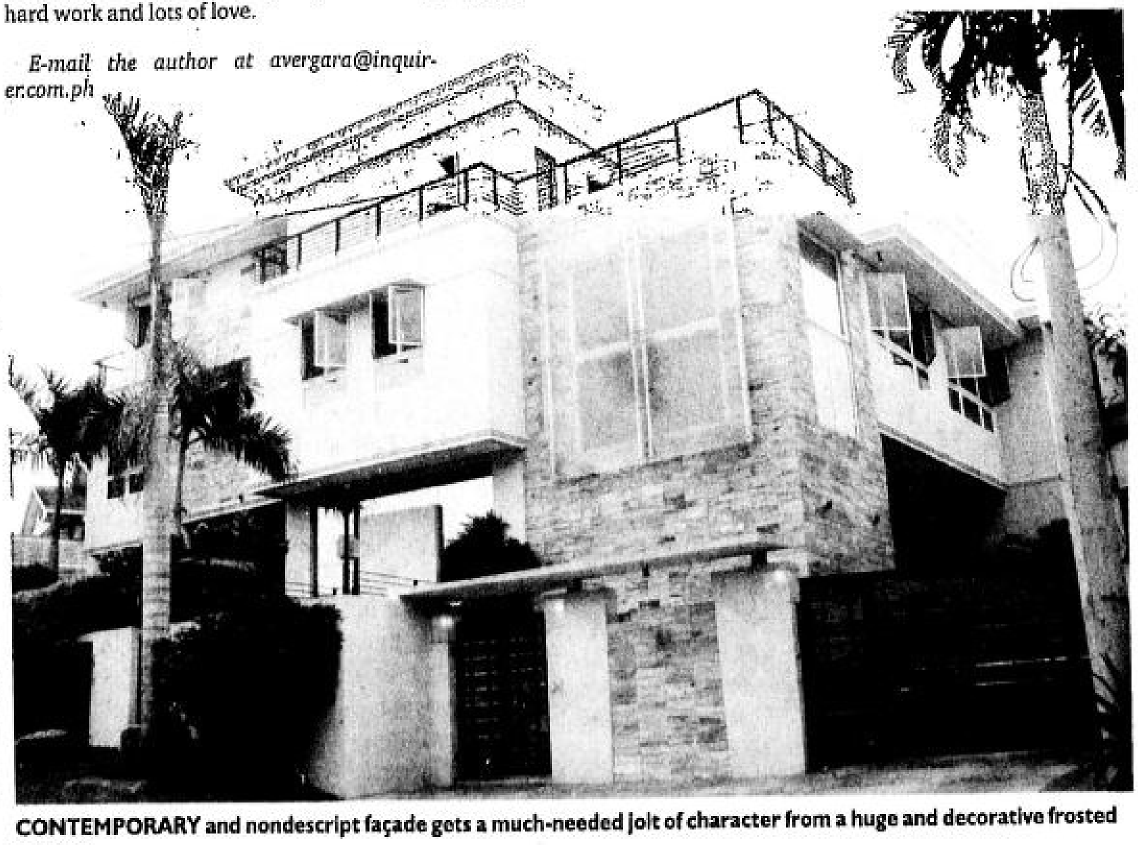
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Eco-waste coalition warns: Beware of toxic eggs

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

WITH MASS-PRODUCED food served in restaurants and food chains everywhere, Filipinos have begun to look to home-grown products, like eggs from free-range chickens, as a welcome relief. Not only does one help backyard industries in the process, but s/he also gets to enjoy eggs that taste better.

It seems, however, that free-range eggs are not always safe to eat, especially when chickens roam near incinerators, chemical plants or dumping grounds of hazardous waste. This is the finding of a worldwide study conducted by the International POPs Elimination Network or Ipen (POPs stands for Persistent Organic Pollutants) in 17 countries, including the Philippines.

The local participating organization is the Ecological Waste Coalition, an NGO that works with different sectors in searching for sustainable solutions to waste disposal problems.

The Eco-Waste Coalition's study was conducted in Barangay Aguado in Trece Martires City, Cavite, an agricultural village where chickens and other farm animals as well as food crops are raised. A medical waste incinerator, a "thermal oxidizer plant," is nearby.

The study looked into chemical contamination of free-range chicken eggs. Chickens that laid them were allowed to wander around and so consumed different vegetation and organisms.

Eggs were part of the barangay people's regular diet, were fat-soluble, and so were appropriate for monitoring chemicals—dioxin, furan, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)—earmarked for elimination and minimization under the Stockholm Convention on POPs in 2001.

Toxic

The chicken eggs in Barangay ,Aguado showed levels of dioxin (a persistent toxic impurity in herbicides) that exceeded the standards, European Union limits, by more than threefold. The levels of PCBs also exceeded those limits. The chemical levels registered in the barangay were among the highest in the 17 countries studied.

A comparison of the dioxin content of eggs in Barangay Aguado and in other countries indicated that medical waste incineration was the likely source of the contamination. Other sources of contamination were dumpsites, chemical plants, power plants, metallurgic plants and cement kilns.

What the findings showed was there was a need to protect human health and the environment by controlling production, use and disposal of toxic chemicals.

We find studies like this essential in the wake of reports of contaminated food. There was the case of *kamoteng kahoy* cakes that caused the death of several school children. Children and adults had suffered gastro-intestinal problems because of soft drinks and other beverages.

Food safety seems to be a problem in many areas in the country. The Eco-Waste Coalition's recommendations for food safety include the accessibility of data and guidelines for the benefit of operators of hazardous waste incinerators and chemical plants.

After these findings, what's next? The next step, according to Manny C. Alonzo, Eco-Waste Coalition coordinator, is for the Department of Health, together with stakeholders, to verify and confirm those data.

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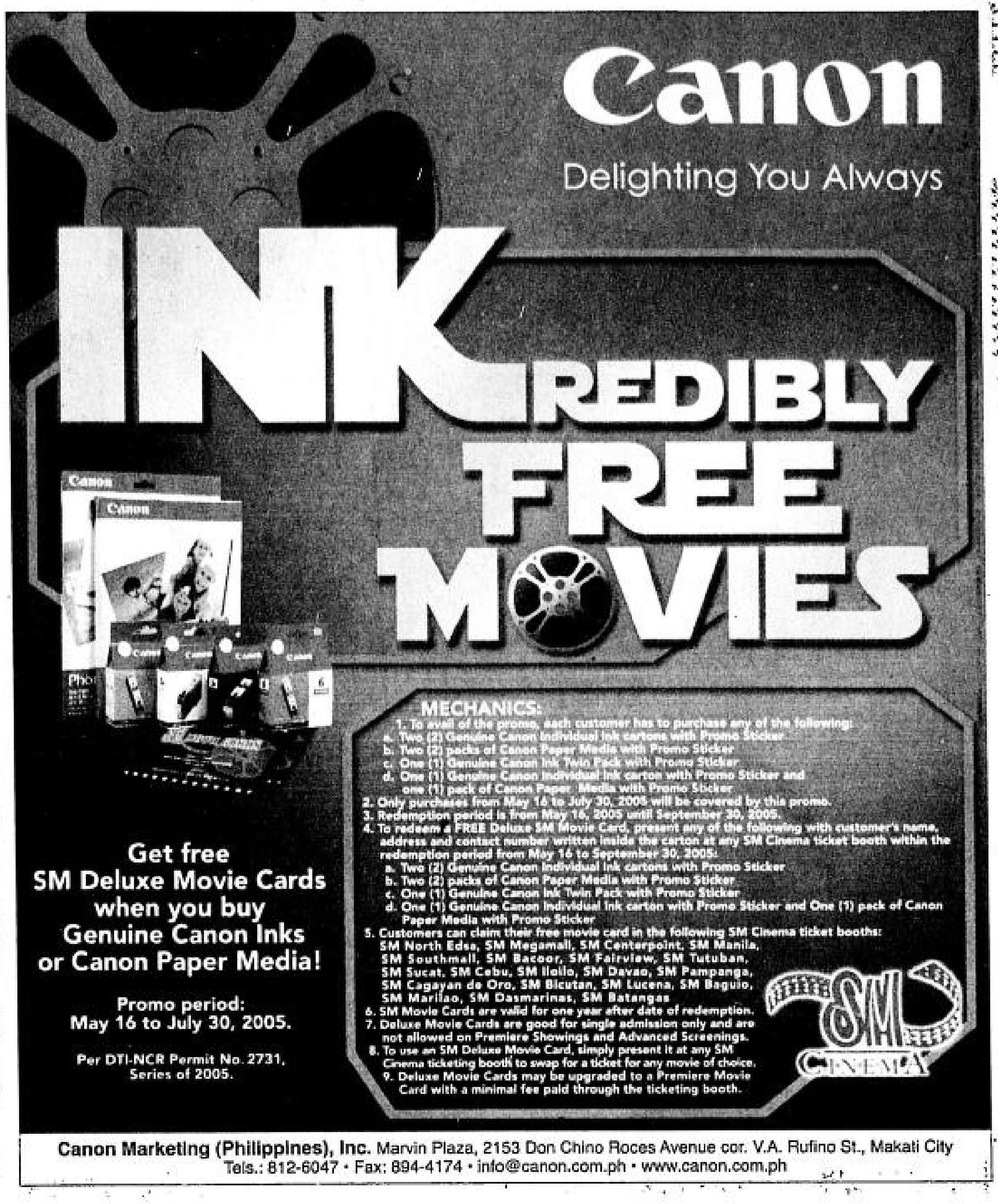

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Should she ask him his intentions?

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I met this guy through a common friend. He is in his mid-30s. Our first meeting was an hour of almost silent dinner. We didn't talk to each other directly.

After that meeting, we didn't hear from each other for one month. I don't think I even made an impression on him.

The second meeting came after a month. Our common friend invited other friends, including this guy, to go out and we had an impromptu swimming party. This guy and I started a simple conversation.

I found out he was a jolly person and that we shared common interests.

After swimming for a few hours, I became tired and sleepy but there was nowhere to sleep except in his car. I asked him politely if I could take a nap in his car, telling him I was so tired and sleepy. When he said it was okay, I went to his car to sleep.

I didn't know he was also tired and wanted to rest. So we ended up sleeping in his car till dawn. Of course, we did not sleep lying side by side. I slept at the back while he stayed in front.

That started our friendship. We'd meet often without the knowledge of our other friends. Many of them, including the one who introduced us, began to ask about our relationship. I would answer them with a smile and say that we're just enjoying each other's company.

But later on, I began to notice that this guy was becoming affectionate toward me and I was responding positively to him. We have not confessed our feelings for each other but I know the feeling is mutual based on our body language. As far as I am concerned, we are becoming more than friends.

My question is, should I ask him directly what he really feels for me, or should I just wait for him to tell me? By the way, I also have other suitors, but my feelings for him are stronger. I'm also in my 30s and enjoying life to the fullest.

BARBIE

Why the rush to know how he feels? Is there a fire? Or is somebody dying? Relax. Take your time. If he is not saying anything to you, just go with the flow. Enjoy each other's company and get to know each other well.

He may be taking his sweet time for a reason or reasons only he knows. There may be one more person he is weighing against you. Or it may be that he wants this relationship for the long haul and he wants everything right before he jumps into a commitment.

Don't show this guy that you are so hot for him. Take one step for every two he makes. Make him play the role of suitor by allowing him to feel that he is winning someone on his own terms.

Make him a bit unsure of where he stands with you. A hard-earned victory is sweeter to men than being given something on a silver platter. He will treasure the relationship more and want to hold on to it in earnest.

You say you have other suitors. Be friendly to all of them. Until the guy you are interested in proposes marriage to you, you should not even take him seriously.

You are at that age where you should already be meeting the man who is ready to start a family with you.

Let this guy walk his talk. Be patient. As the saying goes, "Good things come to those who wait."

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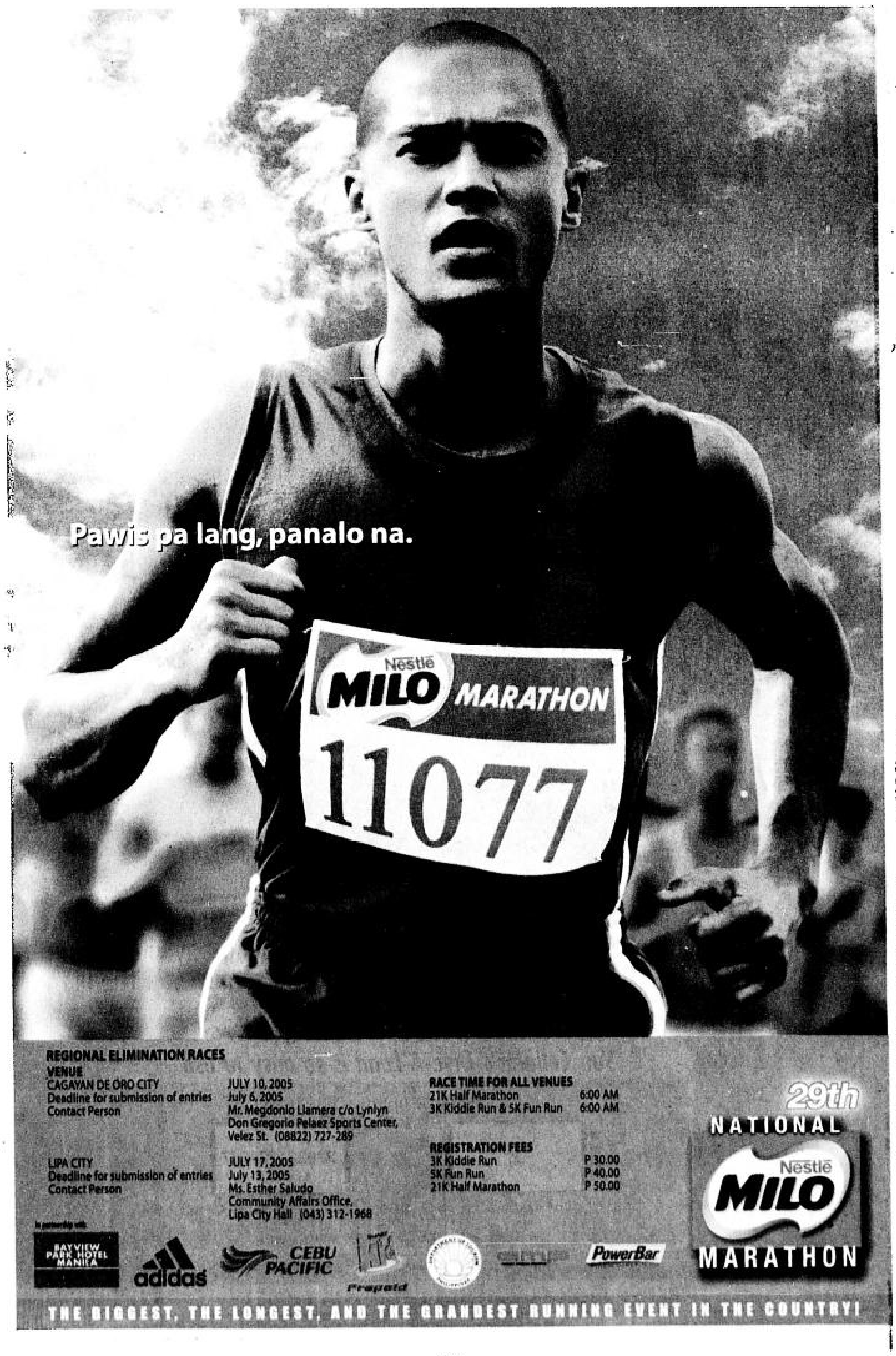

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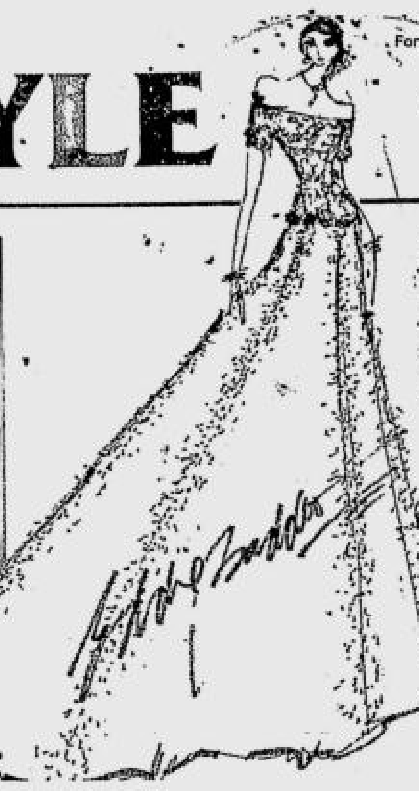
QUIBAEL-MAGSAMBOL

Arnel Quibael, son of **Demetrio** and **Virginia Quibael**, will marry **Richelle Magsambol**, daughter of **Arthur** and **Elizabeth Magsambol**, on July 1 at the Shrine of Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life. Reception will be at the grand ballroom of Hotel InterContinental, Makati. Fernleaf Flowers will do the bouquet and flowers. The bride's hair and makeup will be done by **Frankie Melendez**. She will wear a pink off-shoulder, princess-cut gown with a Spanish lace-adorned bodice, and silk gazar skirt with detachable cathedral train by **Eddie Baddeo**. The groom will wear a barong Tagalog in *calado* piña silk, also by Baddeo.



Milestones

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HAUTEA-RETUMBAN

Arthur Hautea, son of **Eduardo** and **Lorna Hautea**, will wed **Dulce Retumban**, daughter of **Amado** and **Herminia Retumban**, today at Nuestra Señora de Gracia Parish, Makati City. Officiating priest is Rev. Fr. **Vicente F. Amplayo**, OSA. Reception will follow at Fr. Blanco's Garden in Intramuros, Manila.

The bride will wear a gown designed by **Itchy Co.**

DANGCA-LACAP

Germaine Dangca, son of **Gerardo** and **Amelia Dangca**, will exchange wedding vows with **Anna Loraine Lacap**, youngest daughter of **Rolando** and **Josephine Lacap**, on July 2 at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Philam Village, Las Piñas. Reception will follow at the Philam Life Clubhouse Social Hall A, Philam Life Subdivision.

WOODWARD-SAN AGUSTIN

Barry Woodward of London, England, will marry **Judith Shartel Diego-San Agustin** of Makati City on July 2, 5 p.m. He is the son of **George** and **Linda Woodward** while she is the eldest daughter of **Jose "Chito" S. San Agustin Jr.** and the former **Maria Corazon Diego**. Reception will be at the Callo Spa Resort in Antipolo City.

CHOA-LAGUSIN

Myla Lagusin, daughter of **Roberto Lim** and **Shook Ying Wong**, exchanged vows with **Robert Choa**, son of **Mariano** and **Elena Choa**, on June 25 at San Sebastian Church. The bride wore an ecru princess-cut duchess satin gown, with pink cut glass crystals. Designed by **Leonard Co**, the three-meter cathedral train is accented with mesh.

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With hope and a wish for more happy endings, Mark has pledged to donate his corneas and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Mark, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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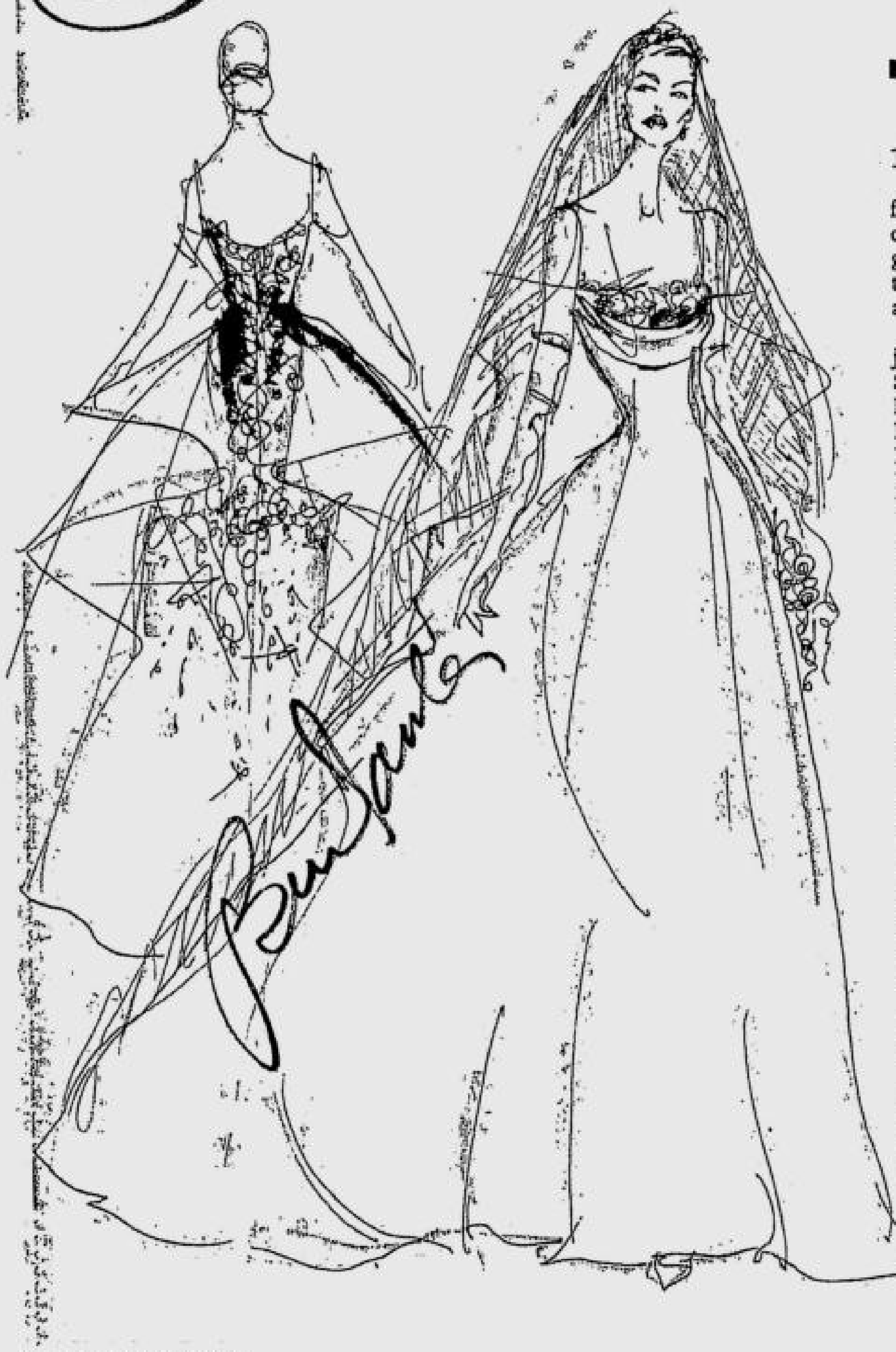


SKETCH by Ben Farrales

THE CENTURY Park Hotel presents "Manila's Bridal Fair of the Century" on July 15-16.

It will bring together Manila's best and finest in couture, styling, entertainment, cakes and more, under the direction of style guru Rachy Cuna. Cata Figueroa Jr. directs the fashion show that will feature the creations of 50 top designers.

Consultants Pitoy Moreno and Ben Farrales join Barge Ramos, Edgar Madamba, Edgar San Diego, Edwin Tan, Francis Calaquian, Frederick Peralta, Ito Curata, JC Buendia, Joji Lloren, Len Nepomuceno-Guiao, Mike De La Rosa, Noli Hans, Ole Morabe, Patrice Ramos Diaz, Pepsi Herrera, Rajo Laurel, Randy Ortiz, Raoul Ramirez and Toni Galang.

Also to be featured are the works of some of the country's new designers. In addition to the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines' (FDAP) 20 gowns are five more from the students of the De La Salle College of St. Benilde's Institute of Fashion Design and Merchandising Program.

DJ Cocoy Puyat of Bed and DJ Joseph Alturas of Tower Records will provide the music.

Cuna said they encouraged artists and designers to give free rein to their creativity, guided only by the theme of the event.

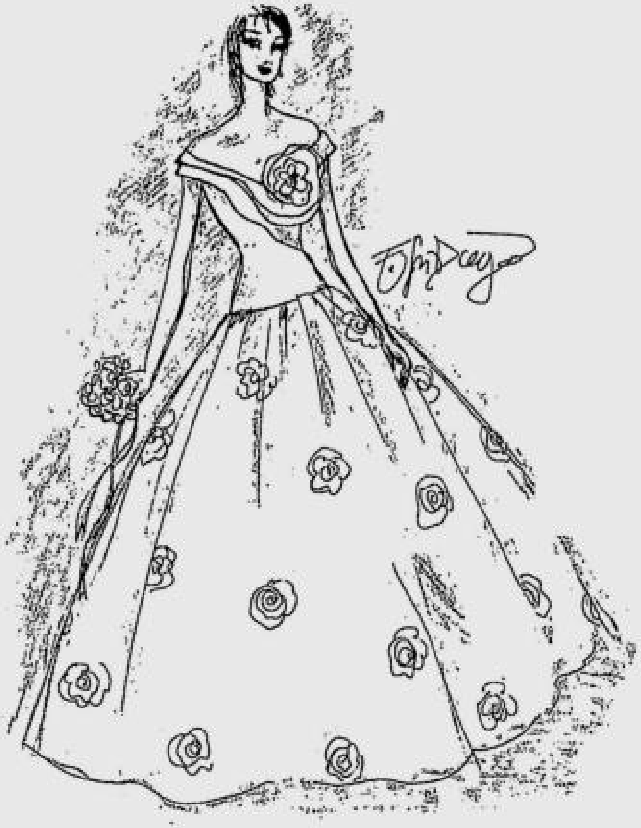
Collections of photographs will also be displayed, showing how experts have captured the momentous occasion of a wedding. Also on exhibit are photos of bridal creations of FDAP members shot in different parts of Manila.

The event will also showcase bouquets, flower arrangements, cakes, giveaways and many more.

INQUIRER columnist Cory Quirino, representatives of the Manila's Civil Registrar's office and the Archdiocese of Manila will be around to discuss various details related to weddings.

The event, hosted by brother and sister JC and Bianca Gonzales, will also feature television personality Christine Bersola and dance instructor Poncy Quirino.

On July 16, the Century Park Hotel will host a cocktail reception at the Atrium Lounge that will feature 50 designs in one show.



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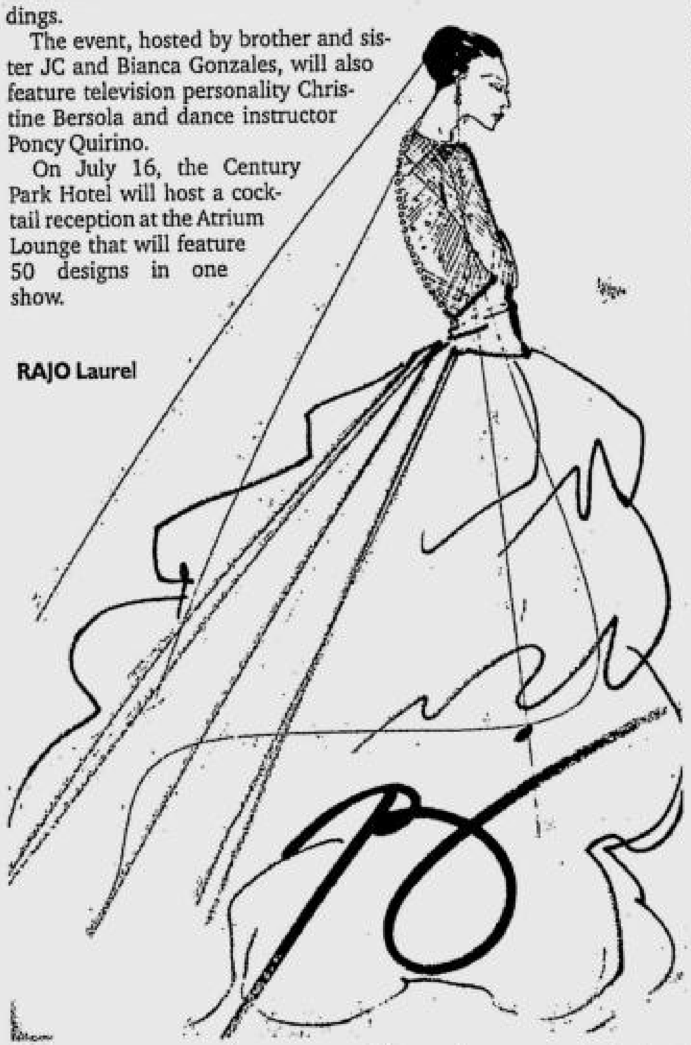
Proceeds of the fair will go to the Home for the Angels Foundation, an institution for abandoned babies in San Andres Bukid, Manila.



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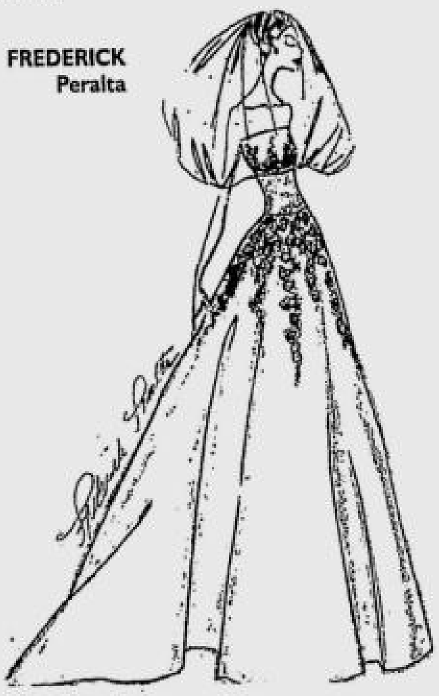

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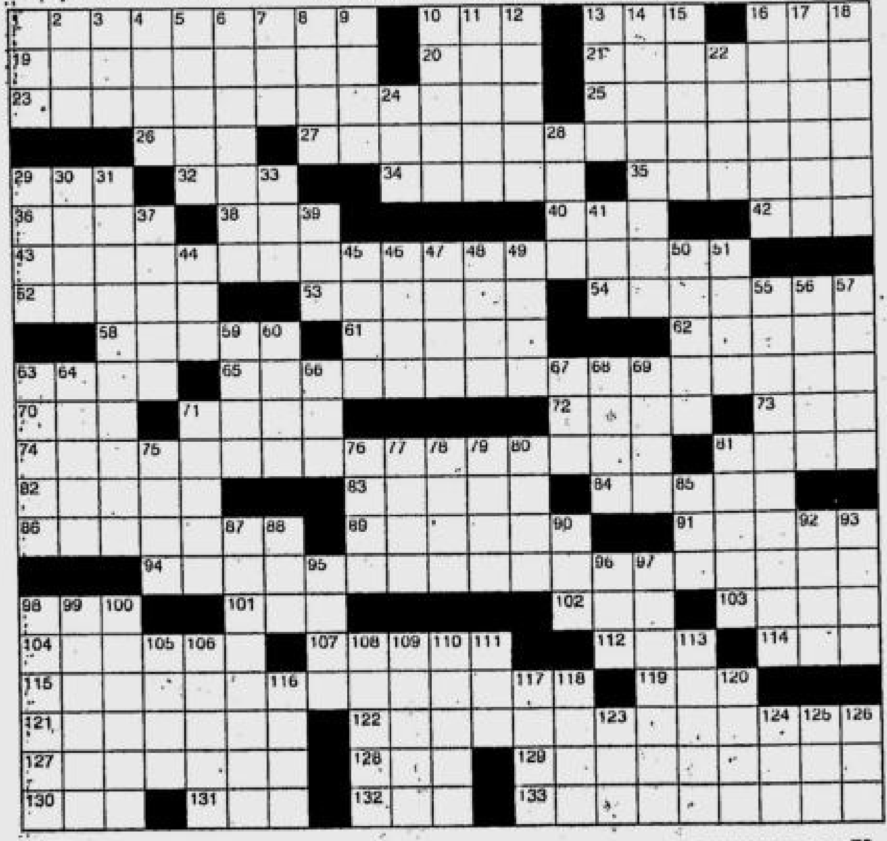
SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

LOOK, MA!

ACROSS
1 Atlas feature showing elevation
10 Mets' and Cubs' gp.
13 Bristol beer
16 Antonym: Abbr.
19 "Spartacus" or "Ben-Hur," e.g.
20 Eggs
21 First one out in an auto race
23 Illness endemic to Madrid?
25 Operate excessively
26 Vardalos or Peeples
27 Punishment for a big, powerful dog?
29 Go astray
32 Recede
34 "— care!" ("So what!")
35 Full-grown
36 Serving both sexes
38 — Cruces, NM
40 — v. Wade
42 Children's author Hoff
43 Woman in charge of water power?
52 Knighted Canadian physician
53 Tenor Enrico
54 Knew in advance
58 Grouchy Muppet
61 Appears to be
62 — nous (confidentially)
63 Research rooms
65 Dads who work as bricklayers?
70 Surgery sites, briefly
71 "— la Douce"
72 Fraternity letters
73 —picker (quibbler)
74 Listen to "Chances Are" and "It's Not For Me to Say?"
81 Recolors
82 "You're — talk!"
83 TV executive Arledge
84 Sans — (printing font)
86 Island skirts
89 Eats away
91 Wipe away
94 Repercussions of feigning illness?
98 Air rifle ammo
101 A Beatle bride
102 Address book abbr.
103 Harvest
104 Actress Helena — Carter
107 School reunion attendees
112 High-arcing hit
114 Saharan
115 Woman who's famous for designing team symbols?
119 Folder flap
121 Nutty candy
122 Spy novelist Alistair wields a broom?
127 Containers for quill pens
128 "I" problem
129 Exit secretly
130 Novelist Josephine
131 Refusals
132 Marina del —
133 Truck drivers

DOWN
1 Dreamy sleep (Abbr.)
2 Waste-watching org.
3 "— Abner"
4 "— hardly wait!"
5 Munster boy
6 Like chicken and eggs
7 — Zedong
8 Radio bands
9 "Que —?" ("What's up?")
10 Ditches around castles
11 Nero's 58
12 Scottish county or port
13 Per unit
14 Beatles hit
15 Verdugo of movies
16 Eye
17 Bakery treat
18 Went after quarry
22 The "E" of Q.E.D.
24 Free TV ad, briefly
28 Rigid
29 Sound rebound
30 Rogers and Orbison
31 Seafood restaurant chain
33 Account amt.
37 Don duds
39 "Wait just a —!"
41 Klutz
44 "Lord of the Rings" menace
45 Dough
46 Branch manager?
47 Remorseful soul
48 Doctrines
49 — Nostra
50 Regions
51 — Fitness (magazine)
55 Rigid and expressionless
56 Putter Palmer
57 League divisions
59 '60s hairdo
60 The Edsels' "— Lama Ding Dong"
63 Company symbols
64 Coliseum
66 Tiny bit
67 To the — degree
68 Oration location
69 Meditate
71 Actress Massey
75 Neutron's place
76 Portland's st.
77 Golfer's shout
78 Wasteland
79 Me, myself, —
80 With 120-Down, alternative to "YM" or "Sassy"
81 More urgent
85 Fight arbiter
87 Grab hold of
88 Transgress
90 Mil. officer
92 Pentagram
93 See
95 Linguist Chomsky
96 Wriggly fish
97 Refuse at sea
98 Pig-roasting place
99 "The — Identity" (Matt Damon film)
100 Devious
105 "Mayday!"
106 It's negatively charged
108 Weaker, as an excuse
109 Lexicon topic
110 Hatfield feuder
111 Note after fa
113 Cries hard
116 Come clean, with "up"
117 Final, e.g.
118 Fill to excess
120 See 80-Down
123 Teachers' gp.
124 She's a sheep
125 Golf score
126 Short method?



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Milestones

YURAG-ARCINAL

Imelda Yurag, daughter of **Brigida** and **Ignacio Yurag**, married recently **Francis Arcinal**, son of **Elsa** and **Francisco Arcinal**, at the chapel in Liong, Masbate.

BUENAFLOR-LALUSIN

Dr. Michelle M. Lalusin, daughter of **Artemio** and **Edna Lalusin**, will exchange wedding vows with **Charles M. Buenaflor**, son of Carlos and Marybel **Buenaflor**, at a garden wedding today at El Garden Resort, San Carlos, Lipa City.

GARRIDO-CAYTON

Marco Antonio Z. Garrido, son of **Manuel Garrido** and **Nieves Zialcita Garrido**, wed **Maria Micaela Anna Cayton**, daughter of **Edgardo Cayton** and **Hidelina Tujan Cayton**, on June 18, at the Chapel of the Transfiguration, Caleruega in Nasugbu, Batangas. Reception followed at the Veritas hall of Caleruega.

Apalit marks fiesta of 'Apung Iro'

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

THE FEAST day of Sts. Peter and Paul is on June 29, but Apalit, Pampanga celebrates for three days—June 28-30.

"Apung Iro," as the Kapampangans call St. Peter, is venerated in a private chapel in Barrio Capalangan owned by the descendants of Don Pedro Armayan-Espiritu y Macam who acquired the image from his aunt, Doña Maxima Santos of Masantol town.

The image, believed to be miraculous, is dressed as a Pope and seated on a throne. The current "*camarera*" is Dr. Erlinda Sazon Badenhop whose mother, Doña Elisa Arnedo de Sazon, was the previous caretaker. In a recent meeting of the clan, care of the image was transferred to Augusto Marcelinus Reyes Gonzalez, Toto to friends and family.

Toto, with the help of his uncle Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, FSC, wrote the history of the image and what to expect during the fiesta.

He said: "Although it is hardly mentioned by DOT (Department of Tourism) brochures, it has always been the biggest fiesta in all of Pampanga—the 'Quiapo' of Pampanga—and it even eclipses in popularity the well-funded fiesta of 'El Señor' in Angeles City.

"On June 28, Tuesday, during the 'Visperas,' the revered image ...will leave his shrine in Barangay Capalangan at 11 a.m. with a happy throng of dancing devotees waving *bayabas* branches." At Barangay Gatbuca in Calumpit "Apung Iro" will board a barge on the Pampanga River, passing through Barangays Batbuca, Capalangan, and Sulipan. The image will then be transferred to a big, beautifully decorated barge that will bring it to the Apalit Church.

A procession will take "Apung Iro" around Apalit.

Masses will be held on June 29, feast day, by Apalit's parish priest, Fr. Larry Sarmiento, the whole day at the Apalit Church. The image will again be brought in a long procession around the town.

In the "Pabalic" on June 30, "Apung Iro" will be taken out of the Apalit Church at 11 a.m. and brought, in a fluvial procession, to the new Sulipan Church for a Mass by parish priest Fr. Alfred David.

The image will then be returned to its shrine in Barangay Capalangan. Devotees are occasionally doused with water and get showered with *pan de sal,* biscuits, cookies, candies, mineral water and other items by residents along the route who attribute their prosperity to "Apung Iro."

Back at the shrine, the image will be venerated until 10 p.m.

'Ave Maria'

Bobby Caballero gets goose pimples on his arms when he tells this story. Last year, when he launched in New York the book "*Yena Tan Ngamin*", the story of Our Lady of Piat, Bobby and a friend took the subway to Madison Ave. He was carrying a bag with a small image of Our Lady of Piat for a friend.

The moment they reached the exit on Madison Ave., the strains of "Ave Maria" filled the air. A man, with a group of street musicians, was playing the "Ave Maria" on a portable organ.

Bobby and his friend listened and prayed. He told me the music was a fitting tribute to Mama Mary.

Fiesta in Piat

The nine-day Novena Masses for Our Lady of Piat ends July 2, her feast day. The concelebrated Mass will be officiated by Tuguegarao Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan at 5 p.m., July 1. Until June 30, Novena Masses will be held at 4 p.m. On July 1, the Mass will be at 2:30 p.m.

Fiesta Masses on July 2 will be held every hour from 3 a.m.

A fluvial procession from Aparri to Lal-lo town with the pilgrim image of Our Lady will be on June 30, coinciding with the 422th "Aggao na Cagayan." A motorcade will then bring the Virgin to Piat.

The pilgrim image was brought back from Davao recently by six priests and 14 lay people. Before she left for Piat, a Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Valle Verde 5 arranged by Rory Eizmendi and Joy Tiongco-Delgado who is from Davao. Manila Manor Hotel hosted the priests in Manila. Sports commissioner William Ramirez provided the bus that brought them to Piat then back to Manila.

DOT Region 2 director Blessida Diwa said the devotion to Our Lady was also a tourist attraction in Cagayan. Gov. Edgar Lara cooperates in all activities marking the fiesta of the Virgin. Those who want *estampitas* can write me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Liberty house

Since 1997, Rolly Nepomuceno of Boac, Marinduque, has given free lodging to college students from Marinduque studying in Metro Manila. The 100 students helped so far had graduated, one of them topping the board examination.

The boarding house on Sisa Street, Sampaloc is called "Liberty House" to symbolize freedom from poverty. Boac Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista said Mass for the students on June 19, Father's Day. Concelebrating the Mass was Fr. Rene Sapangan, parish priest of the Immaculate Conception Church in Boac.

Present were parents of the students, Rolly and his wife, Dr. Bambi Nepomuceno; Patria Jacinto who heads the Marinducare Foundation that helps fishermen in Marinduque, among others.

Rolly Nepomuceno, a retiree from Chicago, said we had to show the poor that we cared by freeing them from poverty through education.

Spiritual formation

Besides giving scholarships to poor students, the Technological Institute of the Philippines ensures that students learn the liturgical services of the Catholic Church. Masses are held on the First Wednesday and First Friday of the month and on Foundation Day, Feb. 8. Thanksgiving Mass is held in November. The Masses are celebrated at the TIP Chapel in Quezon City. Sister Mary Asunta Lim, RGS, is the coordinator for religious activities.

A special Mass for Our Lady of Piat will be held at 7 a.m., July 2, at the Kalayaan Hall of Club Filipino.

IMAGE of St. Peter or "Apung Iro" was restored by Tom Joven of Bacolor, Pampanga

Why people have affairs

BABY Magazine, the country's ultimate guide for new parents, tries to answer the question of why some spouses stray.

Columnist Mayang Sison-Pascual discusses one of the top three causes of marital infidelity.

In another article, Dr. Becky Singson discusses why "It's cool to stay a virgin."

The current issue of Baby magazine—available in all National Bookstore outlets, SM Baby Company Sections and baby shops—reports new findings on what can cause hyperactivity in children.

Pediatrician Art Ludan cites new research that identifies dietary deficiencies as a possible cause of the problem.

Baby Magazine also launches its party series with the feature, "Parties on a Budget." It offers suggestions on how parents can cut costs and still have a memorable party for their children.

Baby Magazine's other regular features include fashion for moms and kids, recipes and more.

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Tears?

Platinum albums, hit concerts, screaming fans, TV and movie roles. Sometimes, all these can be overwhelming for a 16-year-old. Yet, Sarah still counts her "Star for a Night" win as the most memorable. After years of seeking out and joining talent shows in every town her parents could take her, like a fairy-tale princess she finally earned her place not through birthright but through patience, hardwork and sacrifice.

Knowing how it feels to get the big break, Sarah has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Sarah, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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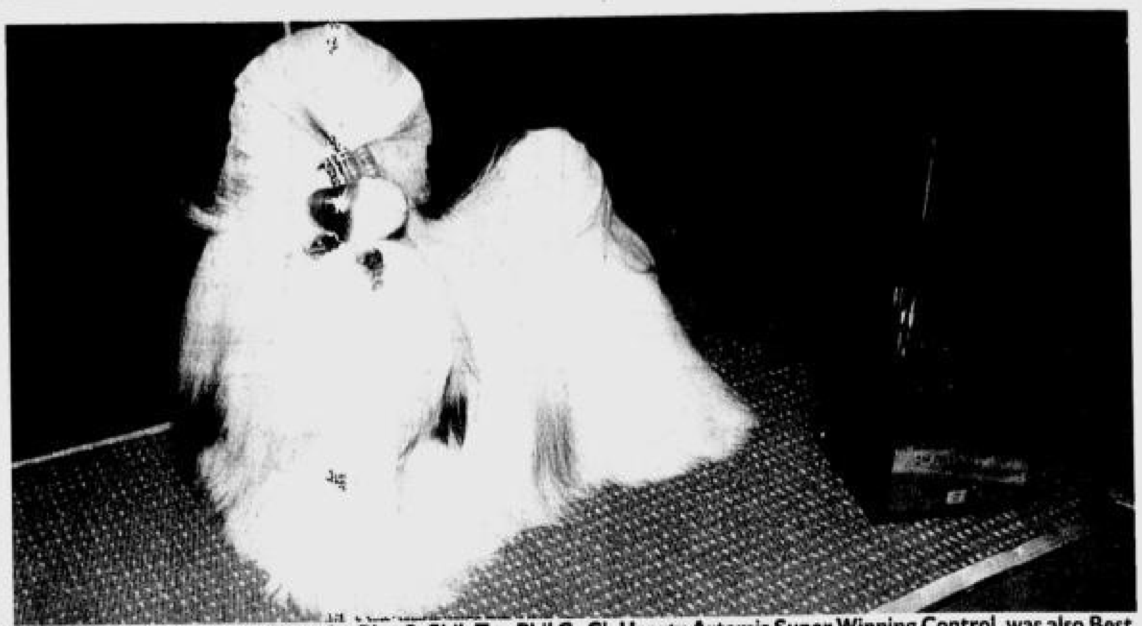

SM City Fairview's Best in Show for Ring 2, Shih Tzu Phil Gr Ch Hearty Artemis Super Winning Control, was also Best in Show at SM Marilao.

Dogs go malling

TWO of SM's supermalls, SM City Marilao and SM City Fairview, hosted recently two dog shows organized by affiliates of the Philippine Canine Club Inc.—the Bulacan K-9 Club and the Philippine Hound Group Club.

About 320 participated in the Bulacan K-9 Club's first ever dog show at SM City Marilao that included the 9th and 10th All Breed Championship. Norwegian licensed all-breed judges Rodi and Wena Hubenthal were among those who selected the winners.

Phil Hof Sanctuary's Charmed, a labrador retriever owned by Ernesto Oppen, was Best in Show in ring 1. It also bagged the Philippine Best Award. Phil Gr Ch Hearty Artemis Winning Control, a shih tzu owned by James Tan, won the Best in Show Award in ring 2.

Bulacan K-9 Club president Rene Aguirre said the association was established to improve the quality of purebred dogs in the province and promote responsible pet ownership.

With the help of the provincial government, he said he planned an information campaign on the different types of dogs and their unique characteristics.

The Philippine Hound Group Club's 7th and 8th All Breed Championship Dog Shows at SM City Fairview had 320 entries. Judges were Canadians Everette Mincey and Marilyn Mincey.

May Reyes, group founder, said they aimed to improve hound breed here in the Philippines.

Hound dogs include beagles, greyhounds, whippets, basset and Afghan hound, which are known for their hunting skills.

Best in Show winners at SM City Fairview were a Siberian husky named Phil Hof Startrek N Shasali's Haden, owned by Dante Bascon, in ring 1; and the shih tzu that won at SM City Marilao, Phil Gr Chi Hearty Artemis Super Winning Control in ring 2.

The dog shows at SM City Marilao and SM City Fairview were sponsored by Pedigree and Shellguard.

A PUG awaits his turn to strut his stuff at SM City Marilao.

THIRD Best in Show at SM City Fairview, beagle Phil Hof Olympic Gold's First Edition

BEST in Show winner for Ring I at SM City Fairview, Siberian Husky Phil Hof Startrek N Shasali's Haden, with judge Dr. Everette Mincey, handler Rufino Palicpic, owners Bianca and Sonny Bascon, and Philippine Hound Group Club president Bon Reyes

ERNESTO Oppen's Labrador Retriever, Phil Hof Sanctuary's Charmed, Best in Show winner, with judge Rodi Hubenthal (left) and Bulacan K-9 Club president Rene Aguirre (right)

DENNIS Martel (left), SM City Marilao's assistant mall manager, with club president Rene Aguirre and SM Marilao marketing officer Melanie Corbito

MARILYNN Mincey, judge at the SM City Fairview Dog Show

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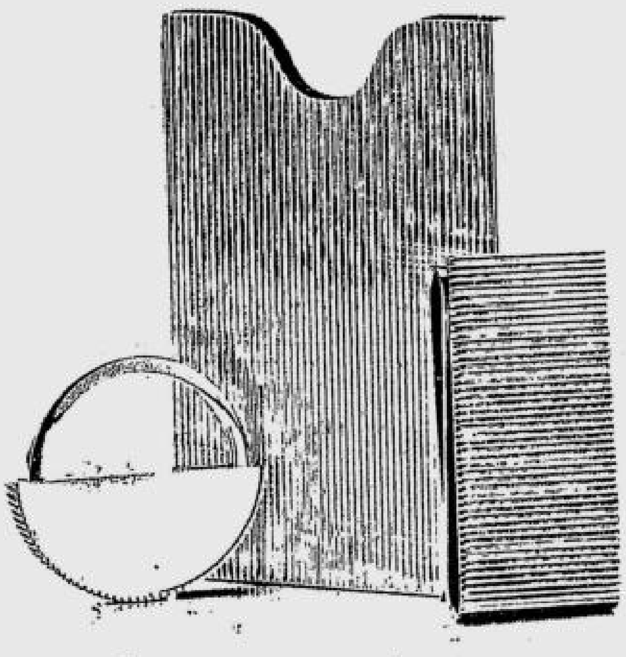

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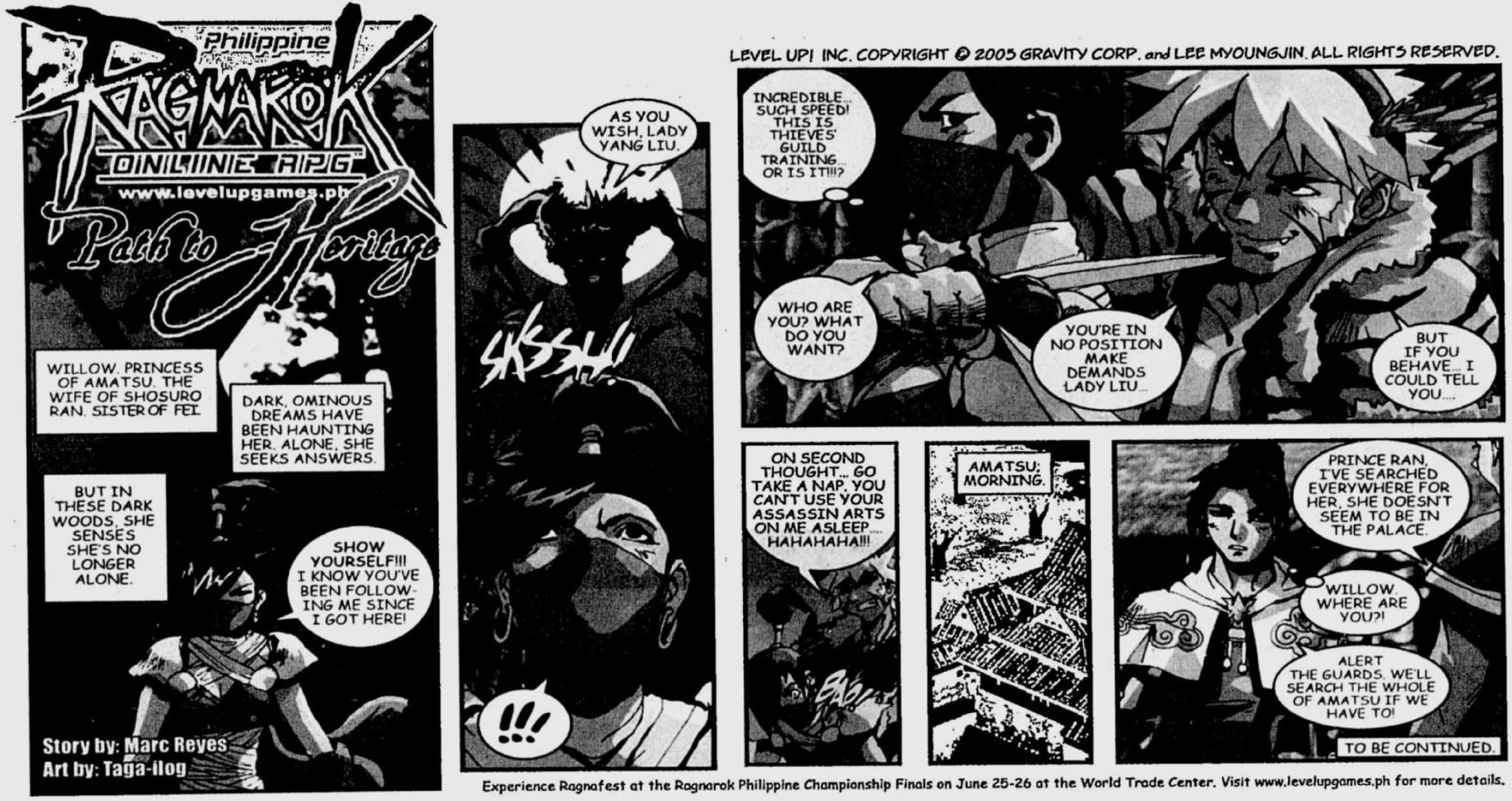
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Story by: Marc Reyes
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AS YOU WISH, LADY YANG LIU.
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INCREDIBLE... SUCH SPEED! THIS IS THIEVES' GUILD TRAINING... OR IS IT!!!?
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION MAKE DEMANDS LADY LIU...
BUT IF YOU BEHAVE... I COULD TELL YOU....
ON SECOND THOUGHT... GO TAKE A NAP. YOU CAN'T USE YOUR ASSASSIN ARTS ON ME ASLEEP.... HAHAHAHA!!!
AMATSU: MORNING.
PRINCE RAN, I'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE FOR HER, SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN THE PALACE.
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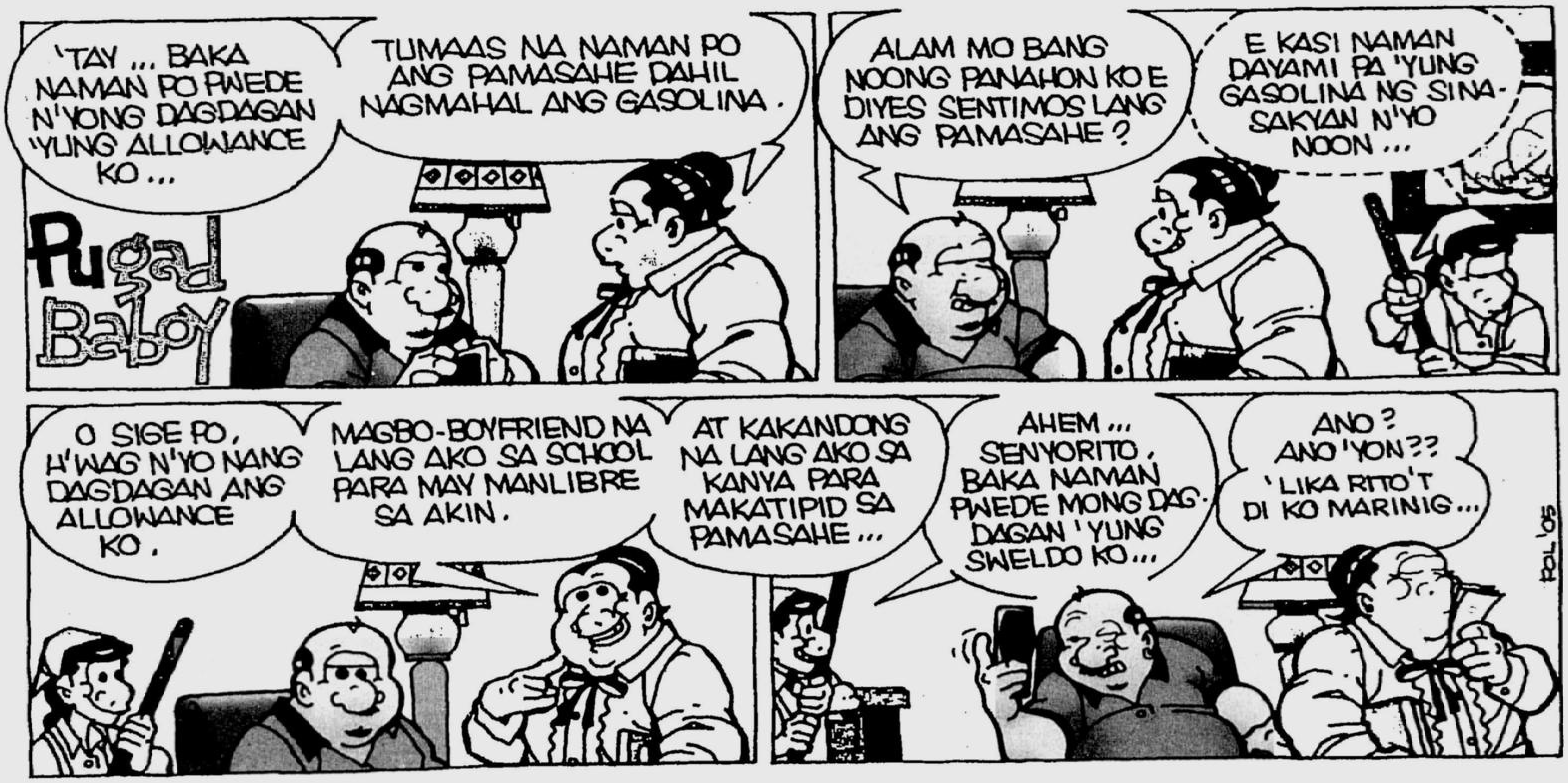
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TUMAAS NA NAMAN PO ANG PAMASAHE DAHIL NAGMAHAL ANG GASOLINA.
Pugad Baboy
ALAM MO BANG NOONG PANAHON KO E DIYES SENTIMOS LANG ANG PAMASAHE ?
E KASI NAMAN DAYAMI PA 'YUNG GASOLINA NG SINA-SAKYAN N'YO NOON ...
O SIGE PO, H'WAG N'YO NANG DAGDAGAN ANG ALLOWANCE KO.
MAGBO-BOYFRIEND NA LANG AKO SA SCHOOL PARA MAY MANLIBRE SA AKIN.
AT KAKANDONG NA LANG AKO SA KANYA PARA MAKATIPID SA PAMASAHE ...
AHEM ... SENYORITO, BAKA NAMAN PWEDE MONG DAG-DAGAN 'YUNG SWELDO KO ...
ANO ? ANO 'YON ?? 'LIKA RITO'T DI KO MARINIG ...
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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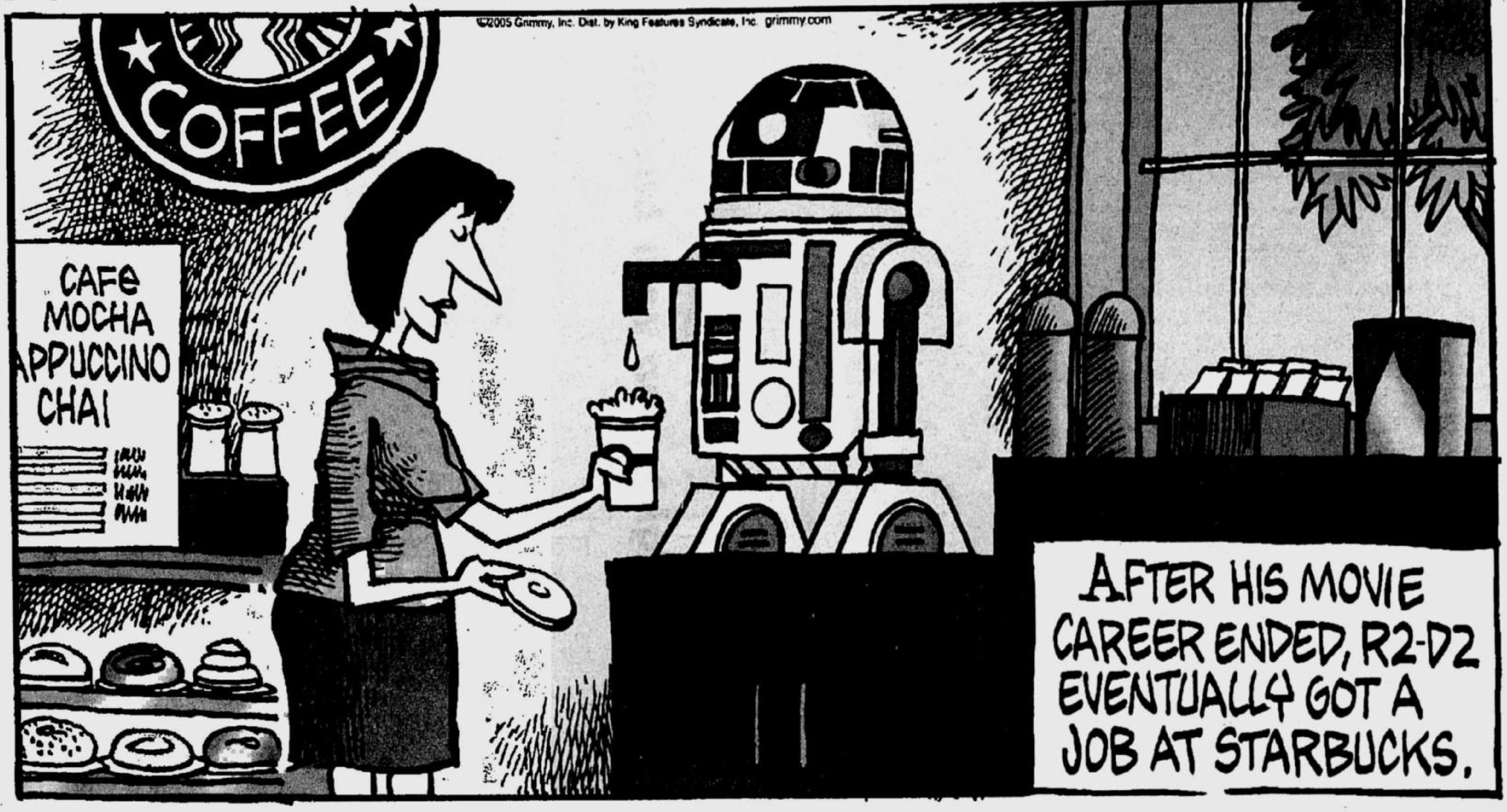
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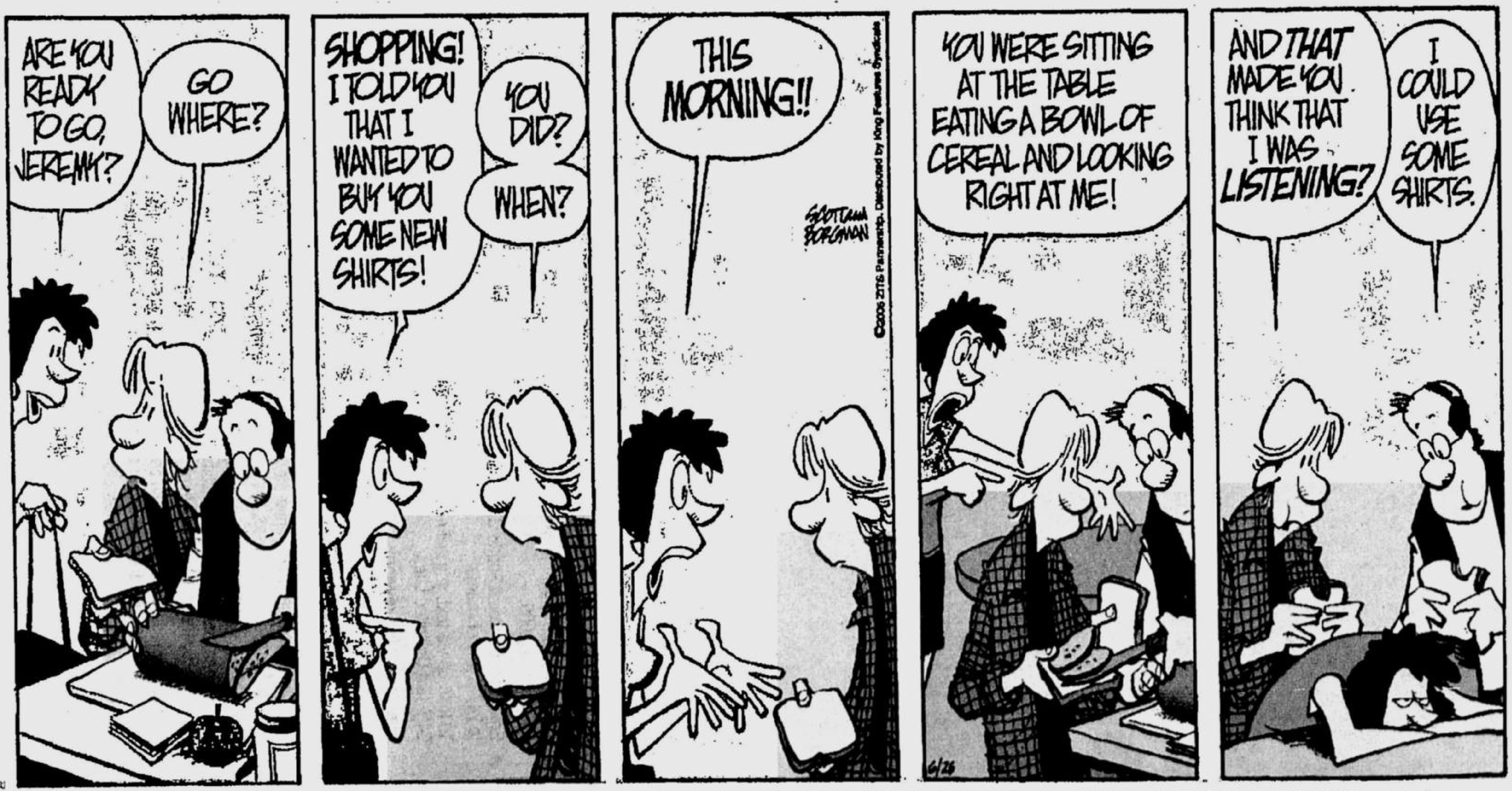
ARE YOU READY TO GO, JEREMY?
GO WHERE?
SHOPPING! I TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED TO BUY YOU SOME NEW SHIRTS!
YOU DID?
WHEN?
THIS MORNING!!
SCOTT AND BORGMAN
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YOU WERE SITTING AT THE TABLE EATING A BOWL OF CEREAL AND LOOKING RIGHT AT ME!
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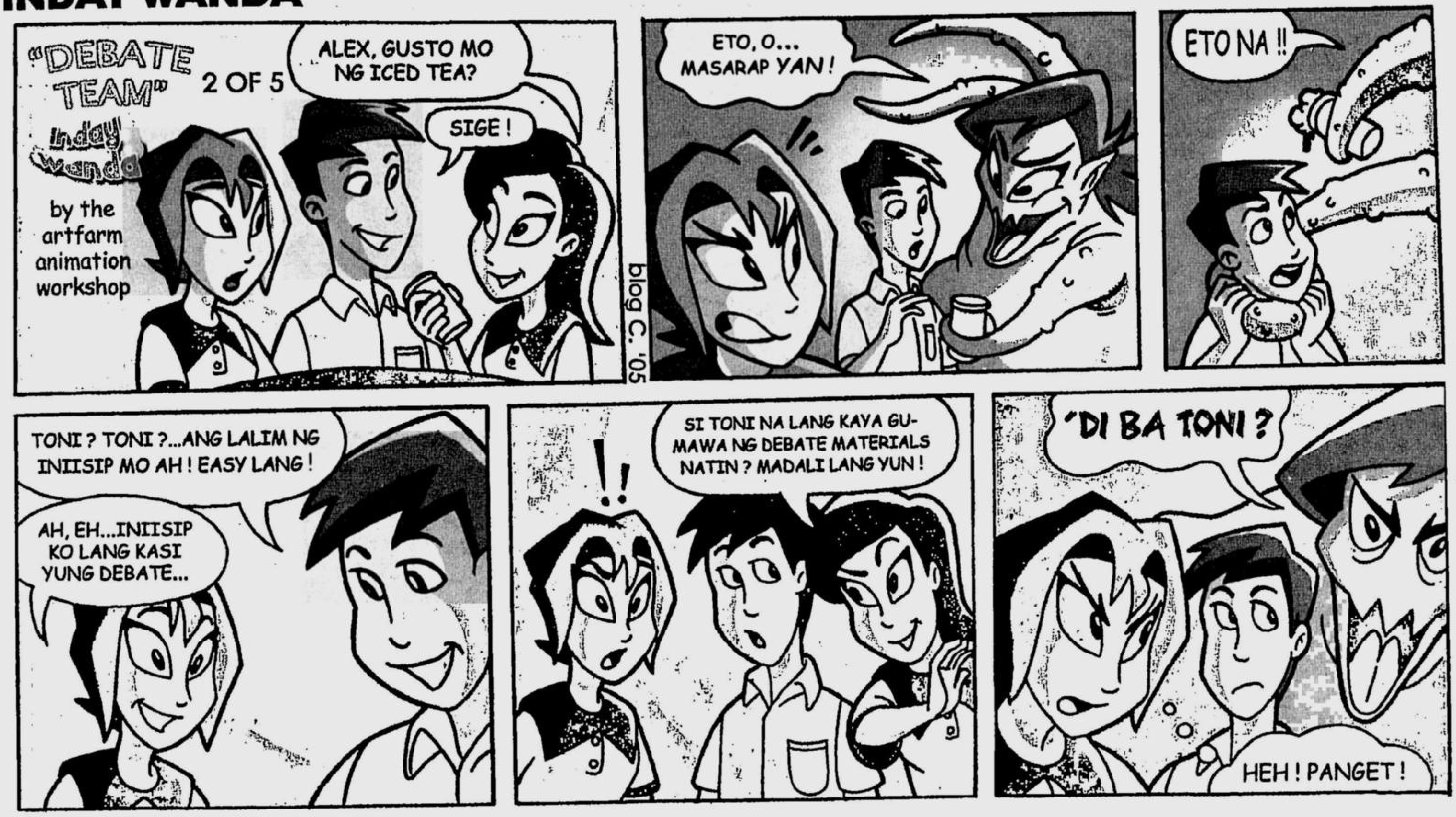
AND THAT MADE YOU THINK THAT I WAS LISTENING?
I COULD USE SOME SHIRTS.

INDAY WANDA

BY BLOG CALIGUIA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Inday Wanda
by the artfarm animation workshop
ALEX, GUSTO MO NG ICED TEA?
SIGE!
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ETO, O... MASARAP YAN!
ETO NA!!
TONI? TONI?...ANG LALIM NG INIISIP MO AH! EASY LANG!
AH, EH...INIISIP KO LANG KASI YUNG DEBATE...
!!
SI TONI NA LANG KAYA GUMAWA NG DEBATE MATERIALS NATIN? MADALI LANG YUN!
'DI BA TONI?
HEH! PANGET!

DARNA

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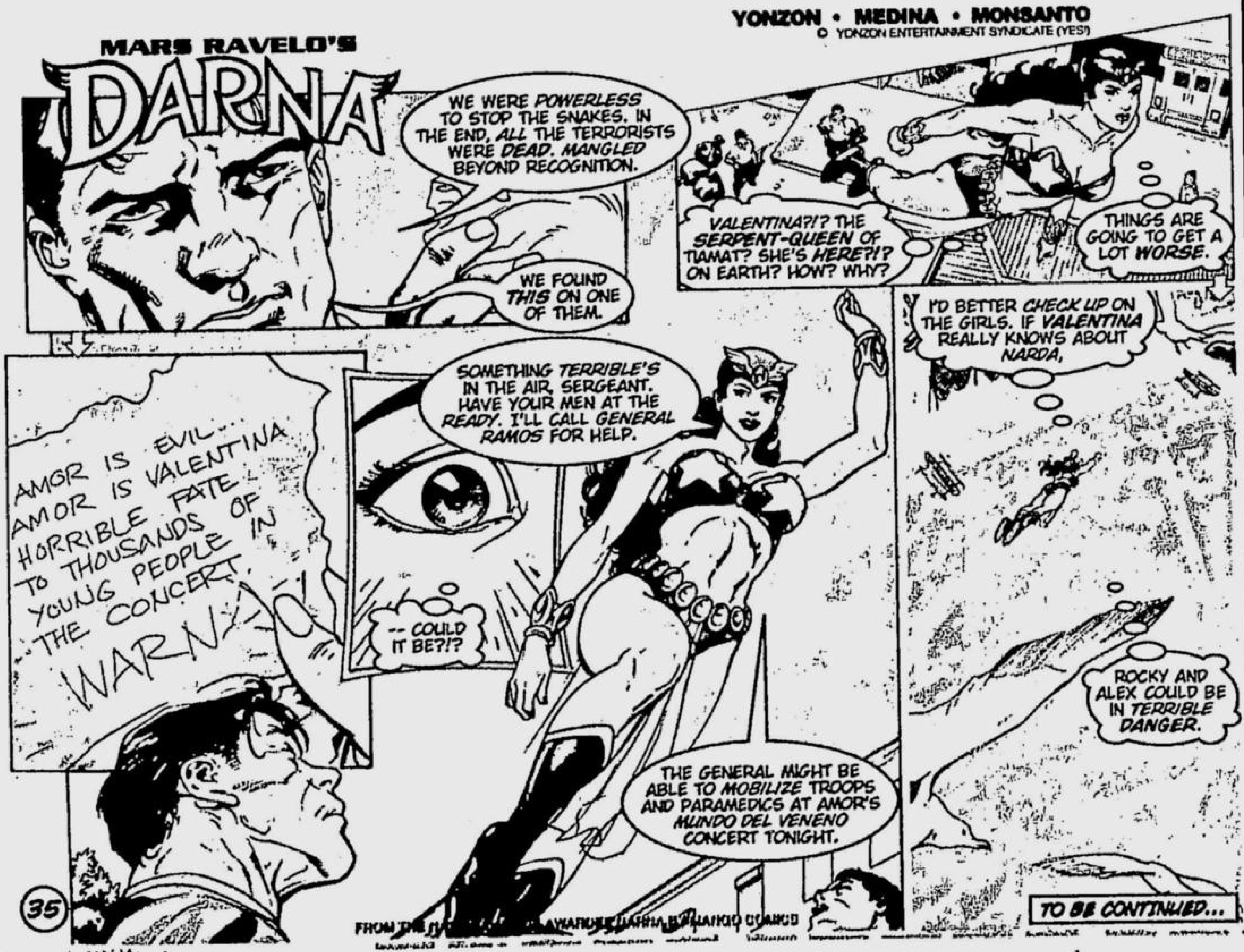
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MARS RAVELO'S DARNA
WE WERE POWERLESS TO STOP THE SNAKES. IN THE END, ALL THE TERRORISTS WERE DEAD. MANGLED BEYOND RECOGNITION.
WE FOUND THIS ON ONE OF THEM.
VALENTINA?!? THE SERPENT-QUEEN OF TIAMAT? SHE'S HERE?!? ON EARTH? HOW? WHY?
THINGS ARE GOING TO GET A LOT WORSE.
AMOR IS EVIL... AMOR IS VALENTINA HORRIBLE FATE TO THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CONCERT. WARN
SOMETHING TERRIBLE'S IN THE AIR, SERGEANT. HAVE YOUR MEN AT THE READY. I'LL CALL GENERAL RAMOS FOR HELP.
-- COULD IT BE?!?
I'D BETTER CHECK UP ON THE GIRLS. IF VALENTINA REALLY KNOWS ABOUT NARDA,
ROCKY AND ALEX COULD BE IN TERRIBLE DANGER.
THE GENERAL MIGHT BE ABLE TO MOBILIZE TROOPS AND PARAMEDICS AT AMOR'S MUNDO DEL VENENO CONCERT TONIGHT.
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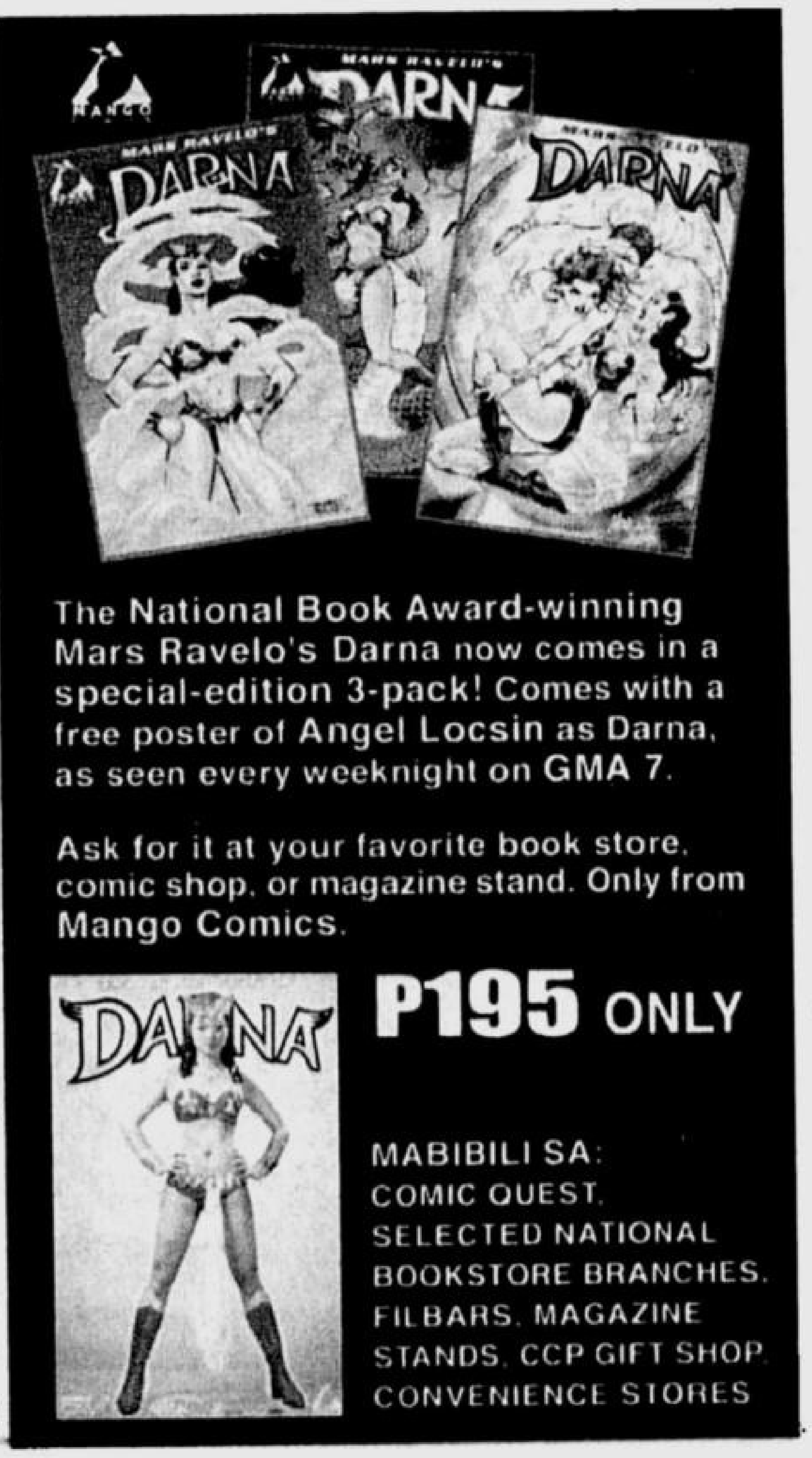
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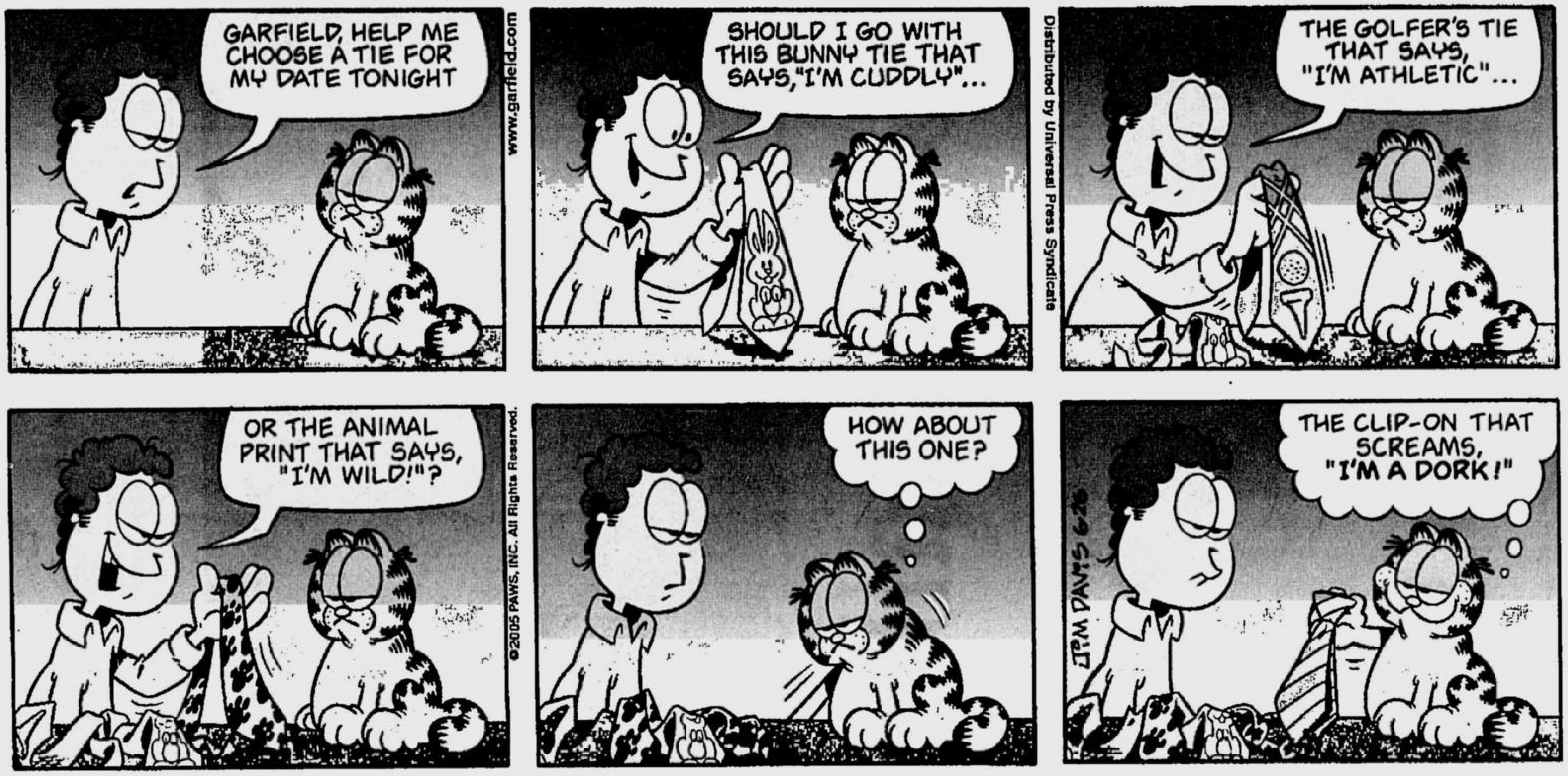
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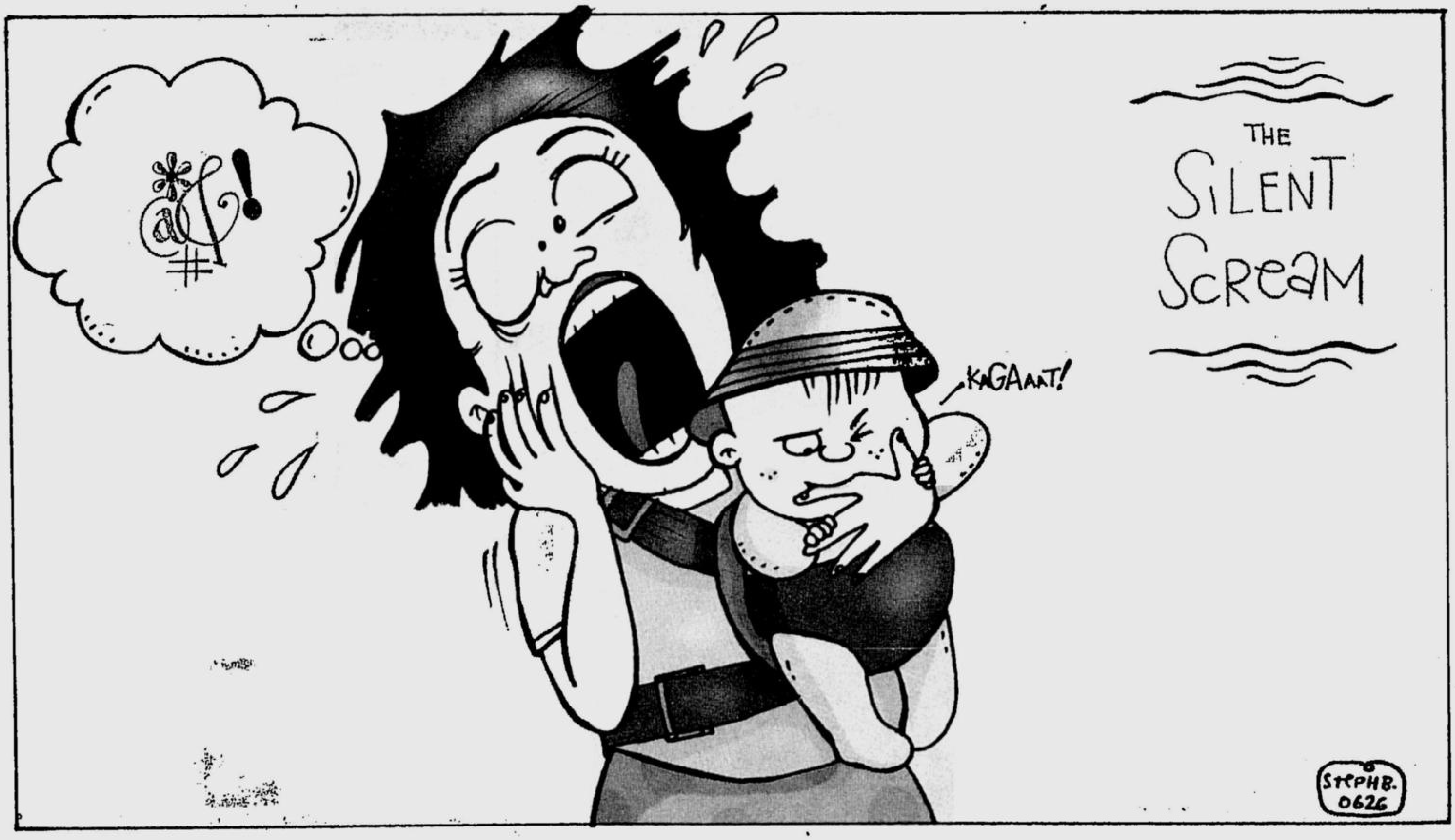
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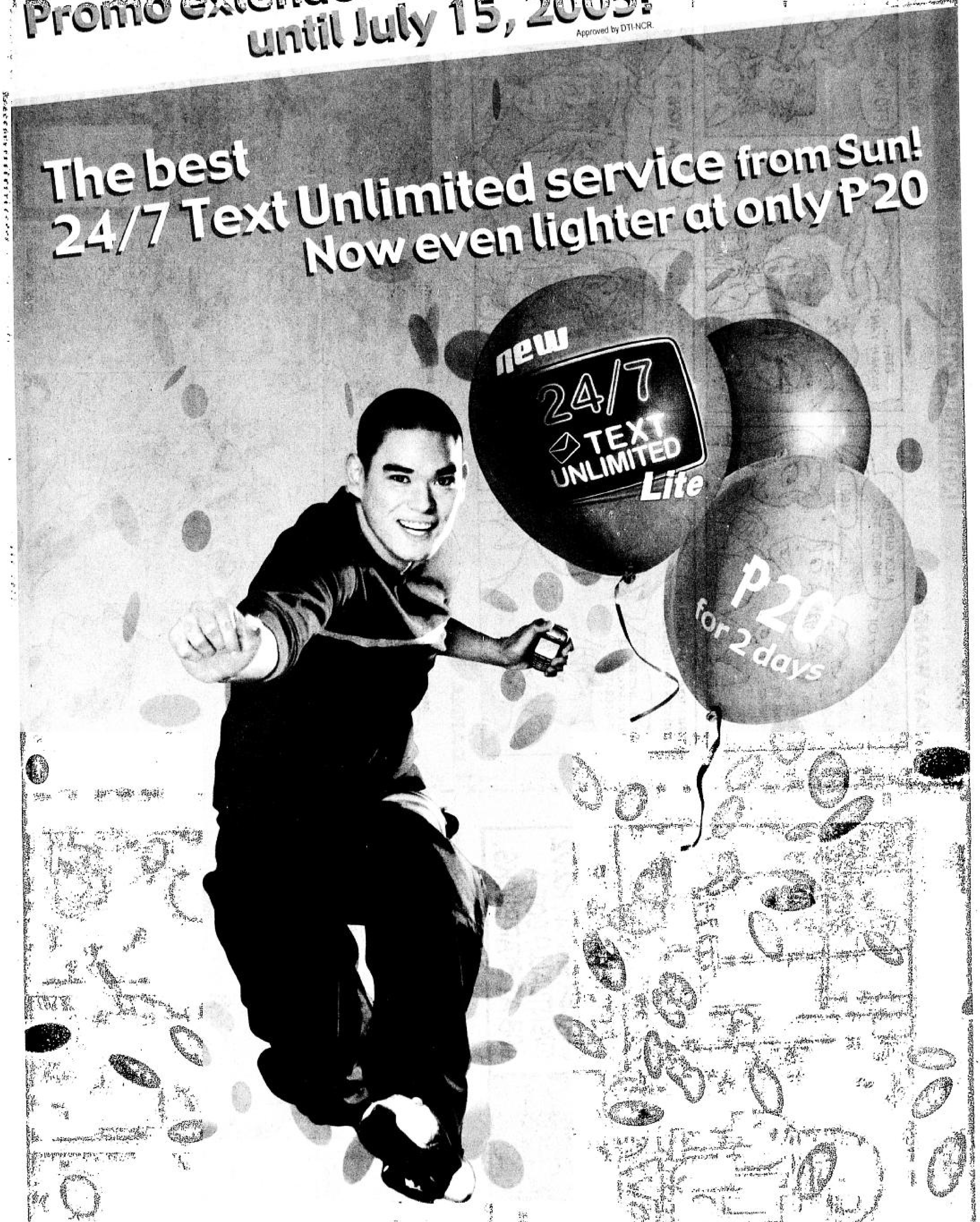

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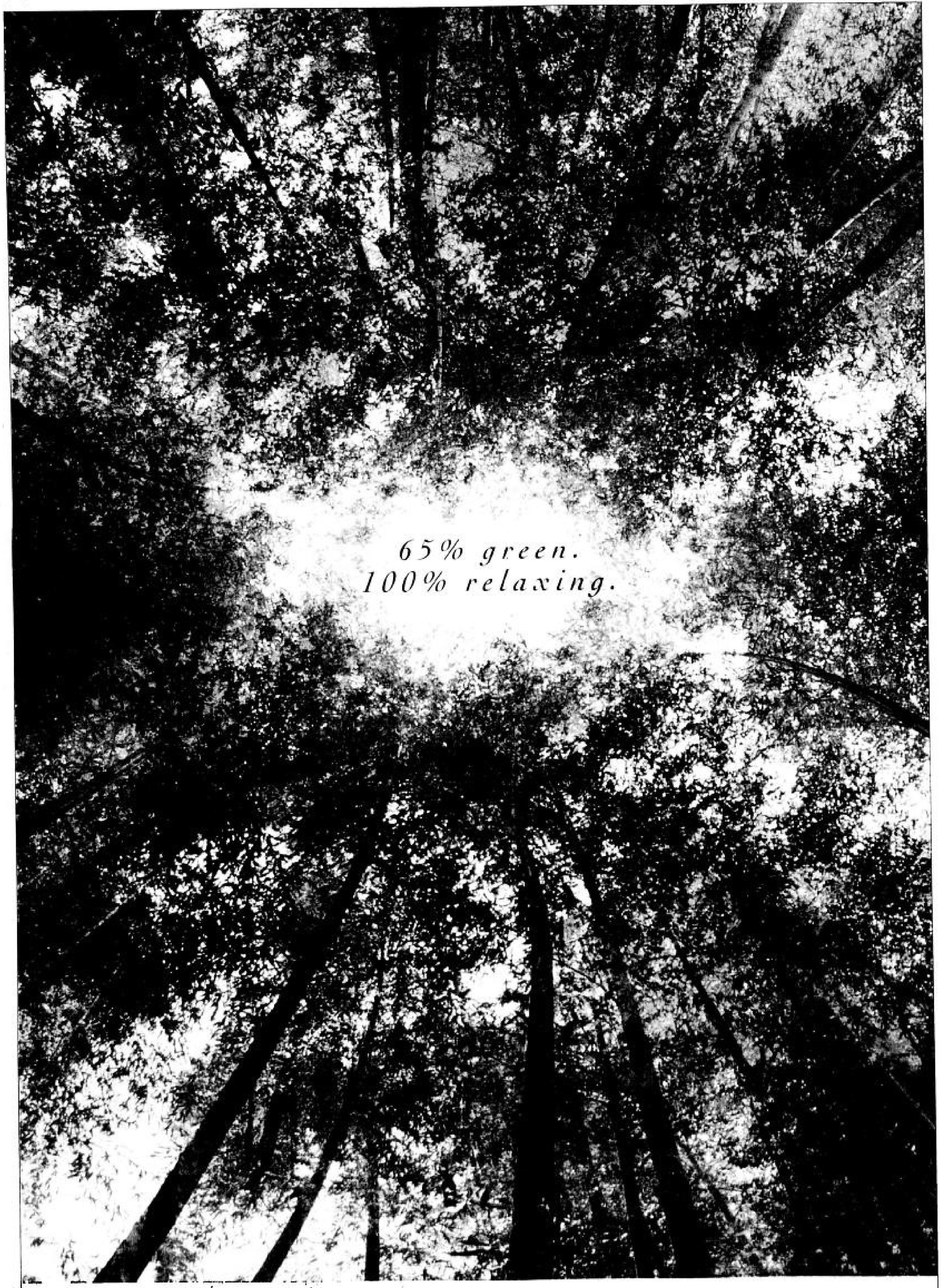

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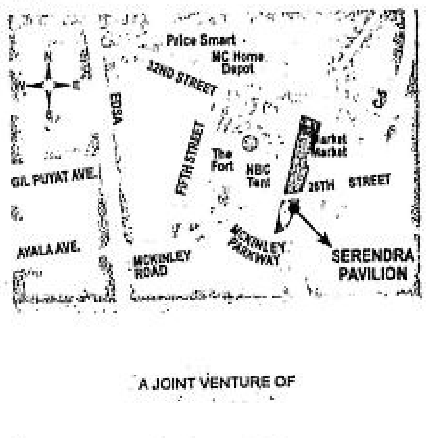

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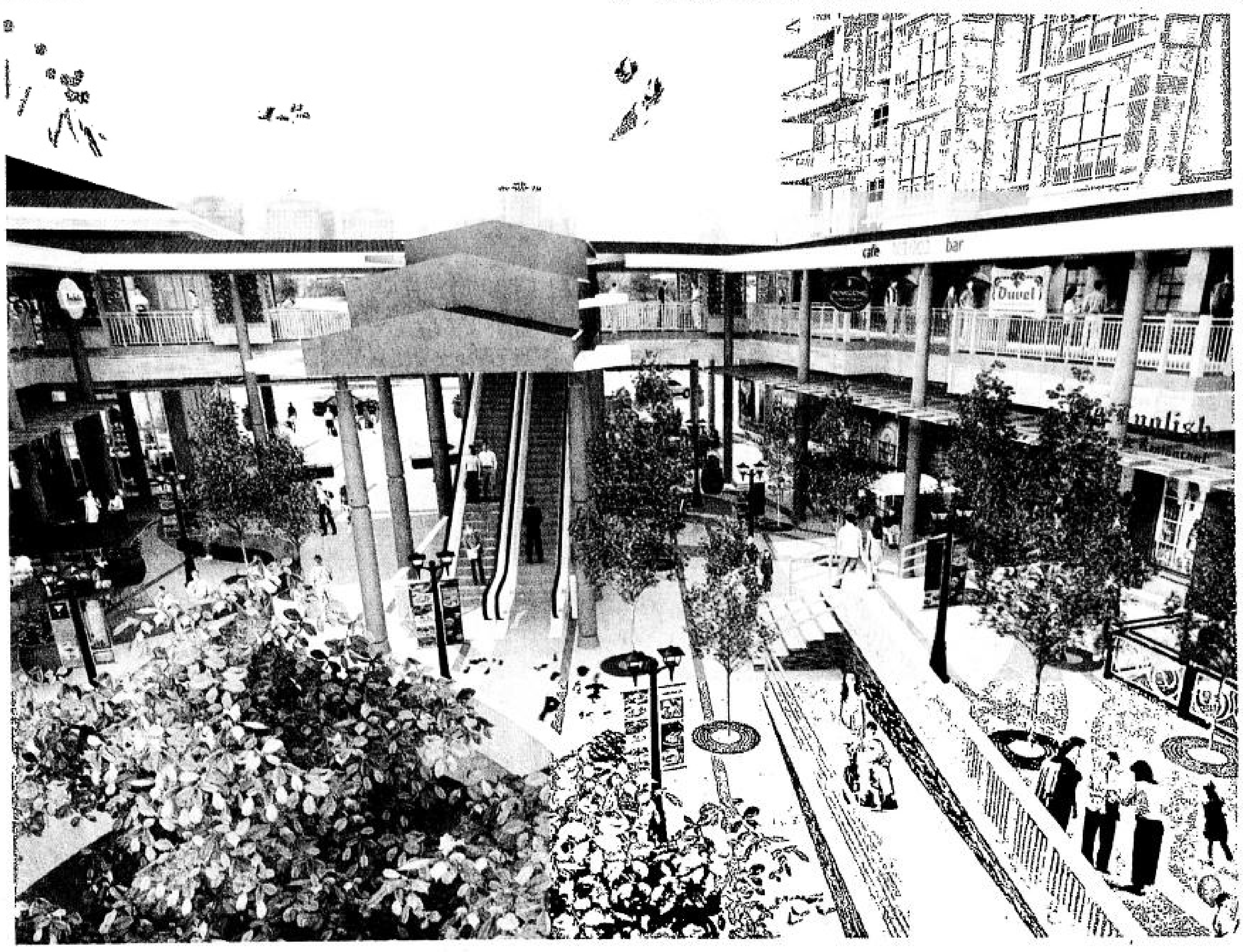

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BACKED by solid experience in developing superior communities and commercial establishments, Ayala Land Inc, along with its subsidiary, Community Innovations Inc, has recently embarked on the creation of a premier two-level indoor-outdoor entertainment center at its pioneer residential community located at Bonifacio Global City.

Dubbed The Piazza at Serendra, the hub will be an urban entertainment haven infused with international flavors, combining a European-inspired masterplan with distinctly Filipino architecture. Surrounded by a series of low-rise condominium buildings and lush greenery, it will house a multitude of food, retail and specialty service shops from all over the world, from French pastries and Belgian chocolates to Indian linen and Moroccan home accents.

According to architect Ted Narciso of GF and Partners, one of the principal architects developing Serendra, the area surrounding The Piazza at Serendra is characterized by "wide roof overhangs, the introduction of louvers and balconies to function as sun shades and protection from the rain." He adds that the design, finishes and construction all meet international standards, "with world-class facilities and amenities that can cater to a wide range of high-end multicultural expectations." All these will contribute to the cosmopolitan and sophisticated lifestyle the commercial hub is envisioned to create not just among its residents but also for their friends and family members.

Meanwhile, the individual merchants themselves, based on the central theme

Country club-like amenities at Serendra

AT SERENDRA, you don't have to buy country club shares to enjoy country club amenities. Unlike other condominium residences, Serendra offers several world-class amenities to answer the various needs of its residents.

Fitness buffs and busy executives can enjoy the convenience of going through their work-out regimen without having to go far from home. A gym overlooking the gardens and clubhouse pool, complete with an aerobics room, flexible space for yoga and other activities is just a few steps away.

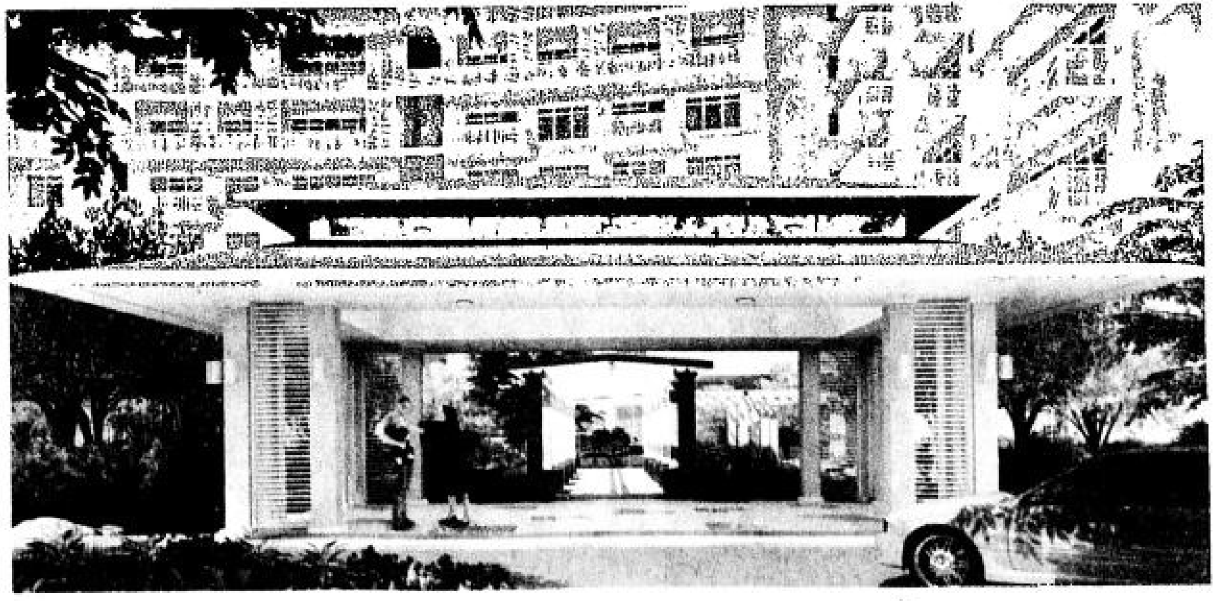
Function rooms are available for parents or teenagers to organize parties, meet guests, or even hold meetings. On the ground level is the lounge area where neighbors can meet, chat over coffee or drinks, and exchange ideas on the latest news. There is also a terrace that looks out into the garden area so that parents or guardians can conveniently watch over their kids in the playground.

Meanwhile, located right in the Central Garden is the main clubhouse, which houses a variety of facilities. Tired moms will welcome the spa where they can relax and rejuvenate themselves, as this offers a complete range of services, including massage and facial treatments. On the other hand, there are two more levels underground, which are geared more for the sports enthusiasts. Residents can go down to the mezzanine level where they'll find a game room for billiards and darts, while further down are the basketball, badminton, and multi-purpose courts where homeowners can invite their friends over for a game after work or on weekends. And since the sports levels are underground, expect these areas to stay relatively cool with adequate mechanical ventilation, while maintaining the gardens above ground undisturbed and in pristine condition. Finally, the clubhouse contains the bigger swimming pools that is perfect for laps with a deck area that is conducive to sun bathing. A kiddie pool is also available for children, where parents can teach their kids how to swim.

Of course, how can one forget The Piazza at Serendra? After strolling past the veranda and beholding its magnificent view of the Central Garden, walking through the secure lobby of Serendra's residential haven transports you to an entirely different world — one filled with discovery shopping and an internationally-infused lifestyle.

Finally, with approximately 2/3 of the development dedicated to open spaces, how can one overlook the hectares of lush greenery and themed gardens at Serendra? Children's playgrounds, lawns for ball sports, jogging paths, orchards, and various themed gardens, such as Zen, White, and Scented Gardens abound in this rich development. Expect days on end of constant discovery and satisfaction as he finds a new nook to conduct his meditation sessions, while she finds escape from the hustle and bustle of city life through her personal therapy sessions of planting her favorite vegetables at the nearby Herb Garden.

As can be seen, the residents' lifestyle and fundamental way of living was always kept in mind during the development of Serendra. Your happiness is not only essential — it is key. After all, how better to describe and attest to the holistic concept of this residential haven than with all the amenities, facilities, and services in store for you here at Serendra — "quality suburban living in the city."



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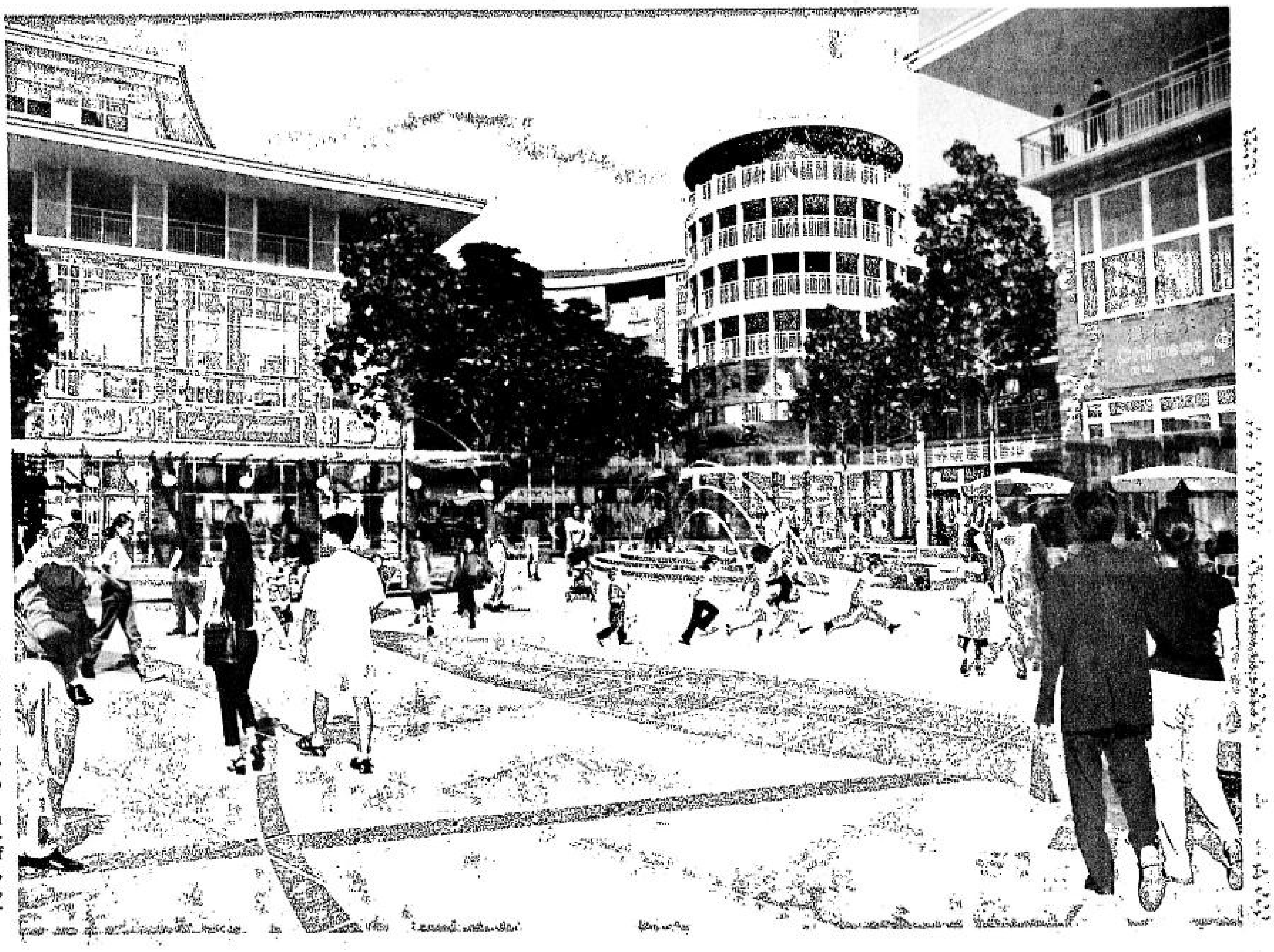
of "international esplanade," shall design each of The Piazza's storefronts. Depending on the merchandise sold, shop design will follow one of three themes: Spanish-Filipino, Oriental, or Continental. For all 85 shops, uniqueness and authenticity shall prevail.

"The Piazza at Serendra is a 6,000-square meter commercial area with a landscaped promenade," says Narciso. "Here, people can enjoy the serenity brought about by Serendra's surrounding landscape, found all throughout the development. This creates a feeling of independence and amplitude, a departure from the common concrete cityscape."

The landscaping was designed to entice residents to take leisurely walks, jog on the walkways, or for families to enjoy playing games or have picnics in the various open areas. However, The Piazza at Serendra will also be open to all food and nightlife aficionados, as well as shoppers of specialty furniture and crafts.

"It was purposely designed to cater to a trendy clientele or urbanites who are particular about exclusivity and convenience," explains Narciso. "The Piazza at Serendra offers residents an escape from the busy city life without necessarily requiring them to leave their homes or forgoing the many conveniences that do come with city life."

On the contrary, The Piazza at Serendra will give residents and visitors an experience that goes beyond the conveniences of urban living. With its unique mix of delis, cafes, bars, retail stores and service shops, it will likewise provide a truly global experience .



Step out of your door into a garden of international delights at The Piazza at Serendra

AYALA Land Inc (ALI), the Philippines' largest and most successful real estate company, has announced the development of an international commercial haven in Serendra, a suburban community by ALI and Community Innovations Inc at the heart of Bonifacio Global City.

Dubbed "The Piazza at Serendra," the commercial promenade will feature a fusion of cultures highlighting food, specialty retail and service establishments in a two-level indoor-outdoor environment sculpted around a landscaped plaza. Approximately 85 select shops range from French bistros to Indian specialty stores, Filipino galleries to craft schools and pampering services. According to Francis Roxas, senior division manager of the Commercial Centers Group in ALI, "These stores are ideally owner-operated, meaning [there will be] no franchises." This will be the unique and exclusive proposition of Serendra to its discriminating homeowners, who are also world-savvy shoppers and food aficionados.

About a hectare, of floor space will be transformed into three regions that smoothly segue into each theme, truly encompassing the global scene. The Piazza at Serendra is a charming blend of diverse tastes: Little Intramuros will be devoted to all things Spanish and Filipino; Little Asia would will carry the best of everything Oriental; while Little Europe will house a select medley of quaint continental shops.

At The Piazza at Serendra, food, shopping and nightlife devotees, composed of residents and office workers within Bonifacio Global City and the Makati Central Business District, can partake of a choice variety of international cuisine, specialty products and world-class services from a plethora of stores in a verdant setting. Amid the tree-lined walkways, wading pools, sprawling gardens, water features and residential units, the Piazza at Serendra will be the epitome of global cool.

"The Piazza at Serendra primarily serves the needs of residents who want to have variety and engage in activities close to home," says Roxas. "However, it will also be open to the public, to whom it will provide unique and authentic food and retail establishments."

The ground level features a wide range of international cuisines, old-world specialty shops for music, health, beauty, and literature. The second floor shops will carry arts and crafts, antiques, Soho-type furniture shops and home accessories, pampering services and schools.

With an international esplanade for its theme, The Piazza at Serendra aims to give the public a taste of the multicultural lifestyle, all where the vicarious traveler can still feel at home. Feeding both body and soul, The Piazza at Serendra fills a carefully curated plate of intercontinental sensory experiences, with perhaps your next-door neighbor personally overseeing its operations. "It will be the only combination of stores of its kind," assures Roxas.

The Piazza at Serendra is set to open its doors to the public in the third quarter of 2006.

The good life at The Piazza at Serendra

Beth grew up in Manila but has seen the world. A renowned travel writer, she's published hundreds of natural and socio-cultural impressions spanning five continents, lending her name to dozens of newspapers and magazines that cater to a multitude of cultures. From the ruins of Rome to the deserts of Egypt, the cobblestones of Lourdes and the backroads of America, she has absorbed each place's unique beauty, and transformed them into words for everyone else to experience.

Though many summers of her youth have passed, Beth is not about to hold back. However, she does choose to cherish more picturesque moments and refuses to give up the diversity of a jetsetter's life. She continues to long for a taste of the exciting and sometimes unfamiliar, of the countless surprises that she has encountered all throughout her career. She wants peace and quiet, but she doesn't want her life to be predictable. She wanted to continue learning from the rest of the world even if she chooses to spend the day in her backyard.

Beth has fallen in love with Serendra. She couldn't have chosen a more appropriate place to finally call home. An exclusive, self-contained community in Bonifacio Global City, Serendra is a truly global version of suburbia. Nestled in lush green landscaping, it boasts of a European-inspired development fused with distinctly Filipino architecture. It's her small piece of heaven, with swimming pools, badminton courts and sprawling gardens. The view complements the many comforts of her tastefully designed condominium unit, where she does a bit of writing whenever she feels like it.

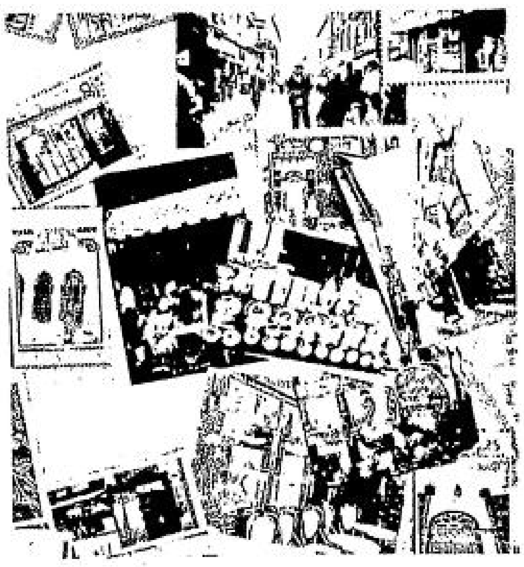
But what really drew her to the unique suburban community is The Piazza at Serendra, an urban entertainment haven with antique galleries, specialty stores and authentic restaurants that gives her a taste of countries from all over the world. This retail promenade lies at the heart of Serendra, and it is here that Beth goes for a selection of products and services that come from virtually every part of the world.

Paris in April. Rome in June. Bangkok in October. She only has to enter one of the many restaurants and she's once again in Barcelona. A plethora of cuisine abound, from Japanese sushi to genuine *kapeng barako*. Here she picks out pillowcases from India, linens from Egypt, and quirky accessories from Tibet. Her home's interior designs also show a combination of Italian furniture and Portuguese home accents, all bought from within The Piazza at Serendra, yet every bit as authentic as the products she had brought home from her many travels abroad.

Aside from a diverse selection of merchandise, The Piazza at Serendra also offers Beth the convenience of services brought in from Europe and Asia. Thai massages, and Swedish spas serve to relax her body and tickle her mind.

Meanwhile, the selection of coffee shops, delis and bars serve as watering holes for Beth and her friends, who, after having moved to Serendra as well, can now fully appreciate her many stories about the rest of the world. After all, the multicultural wonders she describes in her articles are very much alive in the place they call home.

Amidst Serendra's global environs, she still manages to sense a distinctly Filipino flavor around her. After all, the community was developed by Ayala Land Inc, the Philippines' biggest and most successful real estate company. And it is here that she fully intends to spend the rest of her life, living as she has always been accustomed to, ensconced in the best of what the world has to offer.



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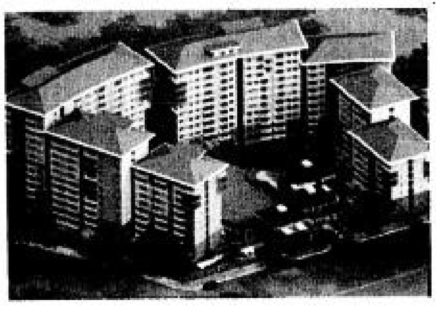

With Serendra's sprawling greenery located just a few minutes away from the heart of the country's premiere business district, respite from the workday will now always be within easy reach. Family members can now come home fresh and ready for some good old family time. And with the finest schools, hospitals, and shopping malls in the country just a short drive away, Serendra offers a proposition that's just hard to beat. Now, comfort and convenience are no longer mutually exclusive concepts. At Serendra, these two ideas have finally found a home. And hopefully, so will you.

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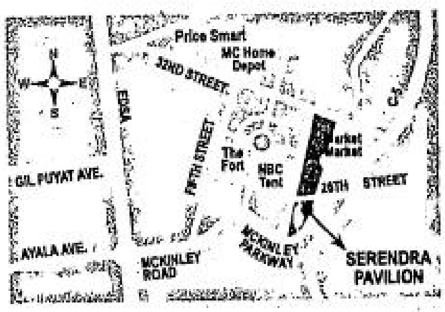

With almost two-thirds of its 12 hectares dedicated to greenery and with a location just a few minutes from the heart of the central business district of Makati, Serendra is a refreshing residential proposition to refined urbanites who simply refuse to choose between comfort and accessibility.

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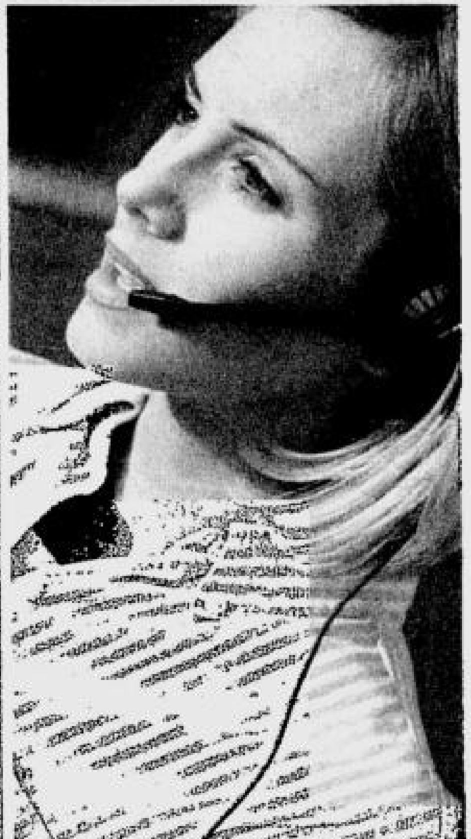

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- Engineering graduates preferably in Chemical Engineering
- Relevant experience in a refinery environment and/or in consulting service
- Excellent communication skills

Specific qualification requirements for the positions are as follows:

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- Solid hydroprocessing and hydrogen plant experience
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- Experience in using simulation/equipment rating packages
- 6+ years of relevant experience.

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- 10+ years of relevant experience and supervisory skills

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OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES: The Database Administrator provides support for the development and maintenance of database applications used by the LEAD Project. He or she will provide support for the following:

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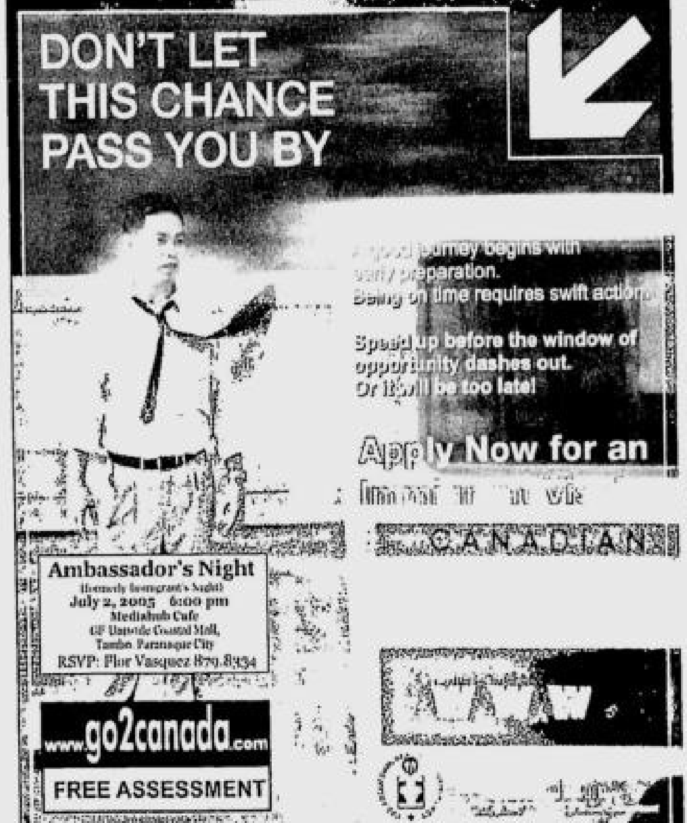
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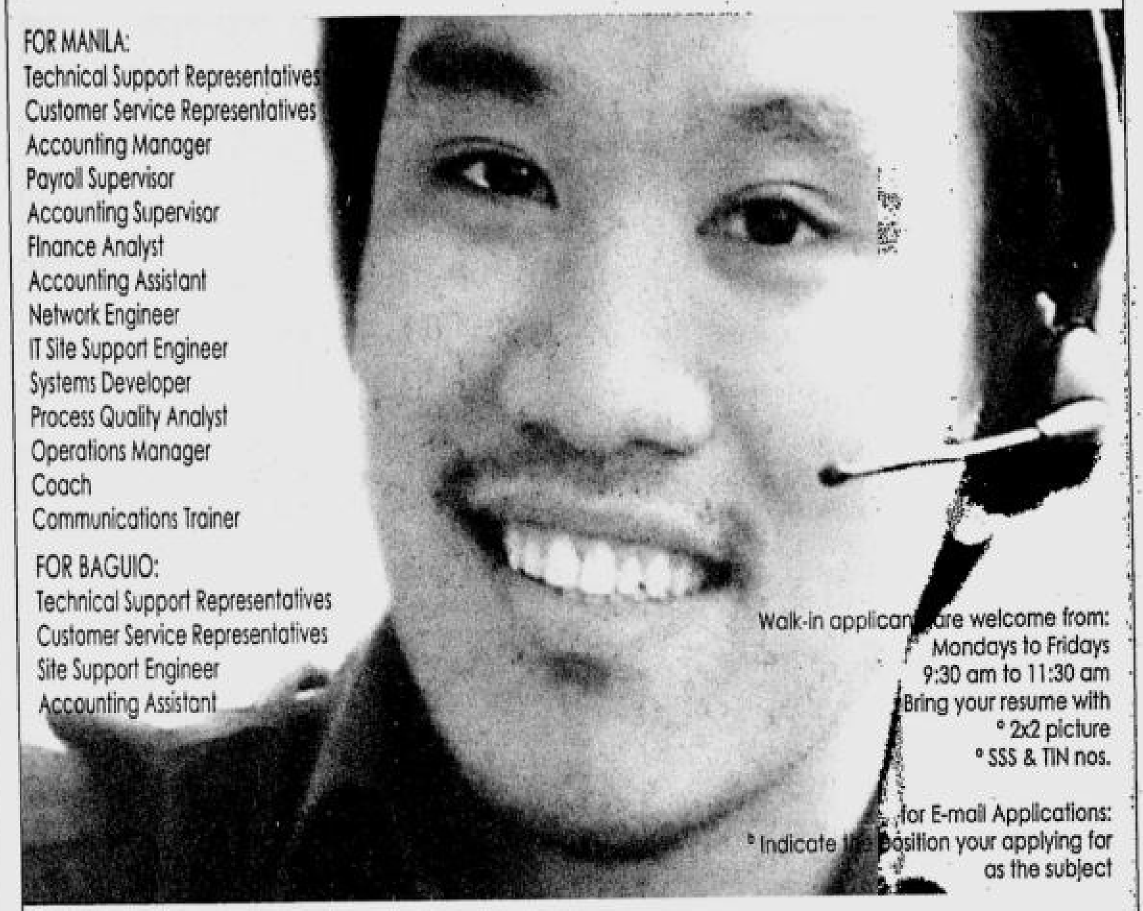

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- Must be computer literate
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The LEAD for Health Project is a three (3)-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends on September 30, 2006. There is a two (2)-year optional extension period.

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3. In coordination with the Chief of Party and other designated team members, provide principal technical oversight for all policy studies, diagnostic and/or operations research studies: demonstration projects, training and technical assistance needed to formulate recommendations for policy reform measures covered under the contract.
4. Provide direct supervision and support for the analysis and development of policies to improve financing of LGUs as well as financial strategies and models the LGUs could use to mobilize additional funds for family planning and priority services.
5. Supervise and provide support to and receive policy and strategic advice on family planning from the Family Planning Policy Advisor.
6. Supervise and support the Market Development Advisor to strengthen private sector participation in services and commodity provision at the LGU level, including the related policy issues.
7. Coordinate the advocacy and policy support development initiatives by all designated members of the LEAD partners, seeking support from high-level Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and other national government agencies and private sector organizations for the technical areas covered under the contract. Ensure timely provision of feedback and guidance concerning the functioning and effectiveness of the various components of the contract.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Master's level of education/training or its equivalent in Health Economics, Demography, Public Health, Health Administration, or a related field.
2. At least seven years successful previous experience working with national and local governments on the development and/or implementation of health programs both at the national and local levels in the developing world.
3. Demonstrated understanding, thorough knowledge of and familiarity with health systems, health financing, and health program policy issues confronting the Philippines
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The responsibilities of the Senior Renewable Energy Engineer include identifying, preparing and implementing rural renewable energy projects for livelihood and social applications, related community organization and social preparation, and training and technical assistance. The positions are expected to be based in Manila, with extensive travel to project regions.

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MSH LEAD

The Local Enhancement and Development **(LEAD)** for Health Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development **(USAID)** and implemented by Management Sciences for Health **(MSH)**, aims to strengthen local government provision and management of family planning (FP) and selected health services (Vitamin A/MCH, TB, and HIV/AIDS), and to improve the policies and financing for these services. The Project will seek to improve the capacity of local government units (LGUs), particularly in cities and municipalities, to meet the needs of their constituents, especially the poor, for FP, TB, MCH, and HIV/AIDS.

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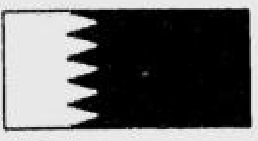

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OFWs build a home away from home

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

YOU would find them everywhere in the world. Some of them stand out in a sea of blue eyes and blond hair. Others drown their loneliness in the beauty of the sunset over an orange desert. Many remain quiet amongst the babble of a multilingual environment. They are our Pinoy brothers and sisters who have crossed seas in the hopes of finding a better life or simply to satisfy their longing for adventure and independence. For most, it's the former.

In these times of uncertainty, many have found salvation from strange lands, but did these foreign hosts embrace them with open arms? Did the land of milk and honey sweeten their daily bread? Are there really greener pastures beyond the 7,107 islands of the Philippines? From different states in America to the sunburnt desserts of Dubai, we visit our *kababayans* to find out what it really means to be an overseas Filipino worker (OFW). Much closer to home, OFWs from Singapore and Australia share their hardships and triumphs in working away from home.

Adventure

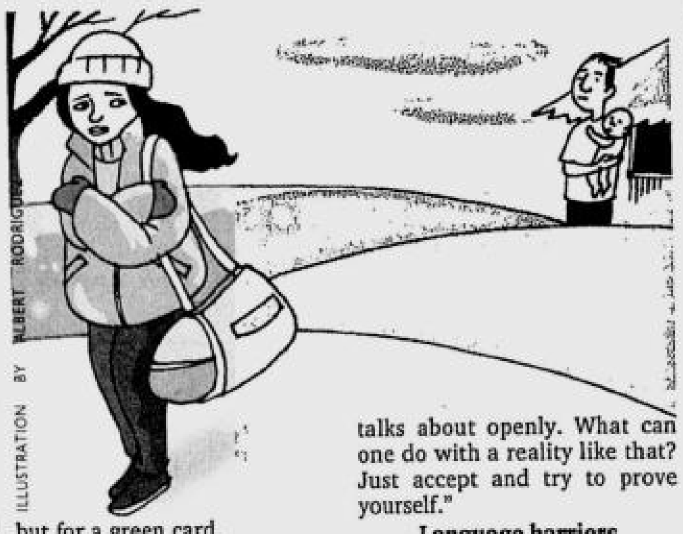
"It was more of an adventure at the start and to be more independent," shares Iris Go, a senior fragrance evaluator in Singapore. Go has been working abroad for more than a decade now. In 1993, an ex-colleague of Go's invited her to Singapore. Looking for a new challenge, Go immediately packed her bags and soon found a new home. Evelyn Juan in New York shares the same sentiment. "My venture to go to Dubai was out of sheer adventure. I didn't know much about the place. It was completely foreign. But I guess, at some point in your life, you just need to get out of your comfort zone to grow and mature elsewhere." Juan worked in Dubai for three years before moving to New York to be a Wall Street Reporter.

It was more or less the same for Maria Sena, a senior programmer and analyst from California. While most of her coworkers and classmates started leaving for the States, she stayed behind, content with her job in the Philippines. "I decided to visit them in 1997. In 1998, the last wave of Y2K consultants was offered a really good deal while the dollar became 36 to 1 compared to 26 to 1 after." The numbers sounded too good to refuse. Before long, she signed a contract.

Frustrations

It wasn't the same for most. While others found their jobs by chance, the rest relentlessly pursued career opportunities abroad mostly due to financial needs and frustrations in the country's economic and political condition. "It was really getting uglier as the years goes on. I don't see much hope if our politicians will continue to think of themselves only," says Gary Lejarde. After several years working in the IT industry in the Philippines, Lejarde moved to Australia this year.

With tourist visas, some ventured to foreign countries without knowing what would be in store for them upon arrival. The few who were lucky found jobs that secured them employment visas. Eventually some applied for citizenship. The others who were not so lucky dared to stay beyond their allowed number of days earning them the label of TNTs (*tago ng tago*) while hiding behind cash registers or pumping gas to earn more than what they would get if they were supervisors or even managers back home. Others took a different route as scholars while the rest relied on their immigrant families to petition for their permanent residency. The process for naturalization or citizenship was long and tiresome. As a result, others took the shorter route and married citizens not for love but for a green card.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Settling in

Finally with employment visas, high hopes, and dried tears for those they left behind, they nestled in new environments. Did they start collecting green bucks and begin enjoying the perks of working in more progressive countries? Unfortunately, it wasn't that easy. Sometimes adjusting to the extreme temperatures was more difficult than adjusting to a foreign culture. Then, after the adjustment period, homesickness would kick in. Sometimes they ganged up on the poor immigrant all at the same time.

"It was a bit difficult at the start for emotional reasons, being far away from the family," recalls Josephine Bustamante, an account manager for an advertising agency in Bahrain. It was a good thing that most Arabs were polite and friendly. However, there was a time when Bustamante experienced discrimination. She worked for over a year in Dubai before moving to Bahrain. "I felt it slightly with the salary range for the same position. The management positions were given to the British, South Africans and Lebanese." Nobody told her why, and there really wasn't much she could do but take things in stride. "It's silent discrimination that no one really talks about openly. What can one do with a reality like that? Just accept and try to prove yourself."

Language barriers

The difficult part for Go at the start was getting used to the local "Singlish." Understanding the Singapore language proved to be a challenge for Go with the locals' peculiar accent and intonation. Because Singapore is a fusion of three ethnic races, OFWs have to coexist with Chinese, Malays and Indians. Go also had to struggle with the stereotype that Singaporeans created about Filipinos. In her early years in the Lion City, she had to deal with locals who thought that all Pinoys in Singapore were domestic helpers. "I used to get that feedback during my first two to three years here. Nowadays, Filipinas have proven their worth in all fields here, so the maid stigma has diminished."

Day to day

After the adjustment stage, most OFWs deal with the day-to-day hurdles. Leaving the family behind is always a great issue for OFWs. Most experience extreme loneliness. Lejarde in Australia claims that there isn't a day when he wishes he is back home. Like Lejarde, most Pinoys working abroad spend a great fraction of their pay on phone bills calling home almost every night for the first

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What should everyone do before a job interview?

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Just as the answer to the birds' "V" formation is obvious, so are the rules for job interviews. But after interviewing many Human Resources professionals, I've found that common sense can be pretty rare. Below, I've listed the basics of successful job interviews. For more, turn to the book that's launched millions of careers, "What Color is Your Parachute?" by Richard Bolles (10 Speed, 2004).

Do you put effort into making a good impression through your appearance? Bathe before the interview. Wear clean clothes. And if you aren't interviewing with a perfume or cologne company, go light on the scents.

Do you dress appropriately? Here is a simple trick for dressing properly. Go to the location of your interview a day early. Take note of what people are wearing and dress similarly when you go back for your interview.

Do you try to avoid nervous mannerisms? Everyone has a nervous mannerism or two; avoiding eye contact, slouching, fidgeting, etc. If you aren't aware of your own nervous habits, ask some people you trust to tell them to you. It's not easy to unlearn something that you've done for many years, but you'll find it will make a huge difference in how you are received.

Do you lack self-confidence? Jobseekers who speak too softly, speak too loudly, give one word answers to questions or are too self-critical are easy for the interviewer to reject. Make it harder to be rejected by giving off a sense of confidence that you can do the job.

Are you inconsiderate to the people along the way? I can't tell you how many times I've been told by a hiring manager that someone wasn't hired because they were rude to an assistant or a waiter. Or that they trashed their last employer. Or that they didn't say thank you. Employers entrust employees with their most valuable commodity, their customers. Show them that you treat everyone with respect and consideration.

Do you leave a bad taste in their mouth? Four traits immediately send a bad message to an interviewer; arrogance, laziness, dishonesty and complaining. Who would choose to have someone with these qualities in their midst?

Use these tips and you'll be flying in a "V" formation, too; "V" for victory in getting the job.

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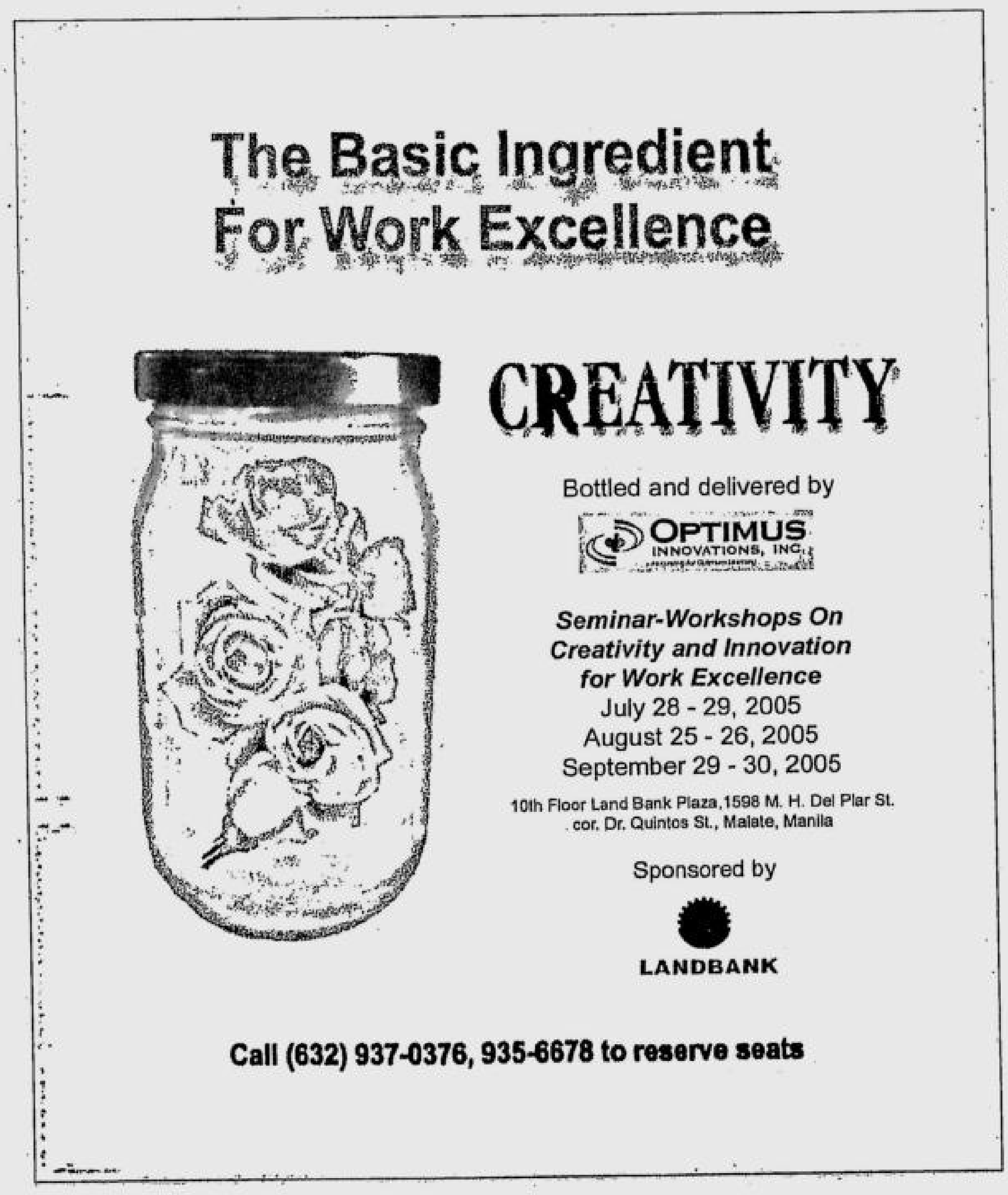
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The separation pay that I will receive will not last beyond two years. I need a job desperately and soon! But at my age I have great doubts about getting a job. Newspaper advertisements for vacant positions put a ceiling on women for employment in a company. There is a big bias against older women like me for employment in our country.

I have been working in my present company as HR officer doing all kinds of HR functions since our company is only a medium -sized company. I joined the company 12 years ago as HR assistant. After 9 years, I was promoted to my present position.

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Ms Desperate.

It's true that in our country, age and, sometimes, gender, too, are obstacles to employment in a company. Your being desperate to get a job is understandable. But there is hope.

It is still possible for you to get a job, though not necessarily in a corporate setting. Use your network or expand your network. A network consists of people you know who know people who can help you by providing information or job leads. These people in your network include your family, relatives and friends and their families, and so on. Write down their names, phone numbers, the companies they work for, and their positions. Ask them to help you find a job in your functional area and give them copies of your resumé. Follow-up on them, patiently and respectfully.

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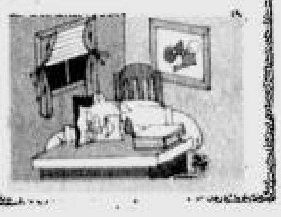

Sand grits in the workplace

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THERE is no such thing as a perfect workplace. Every workplace has its share of irritants, some more than others. It can really be that exasperating, but if you are a Christian you should be able to welcome these irritants as some kind of a fringe benefit. A cousin of mine who takes spirituality seriously, and who—as vice president of a large multinational company some years back—used to have problems for breakfast, once remarked, "*Ang hirap magpaka-Kristiyano sa Pilipinas.*" (It's so hard to be a Christian in the Philippines). He said this was because every day he had to deal with workers who have ingrained bad work habits and attitudes—national traits, it seemed—from the president down. "*Feeling ko, bibingka ako, apoy sa ibabaw, apoy sa ilalim.*" (I feel like a rice cake being cooked, fire from above, fire from below). Very trying on one's patience, he added. I cheerfully disagreed, saying "On the contrary, it's easier to be a Christian where you work! Look, you have plenty of chances to forgive. Remember, Christianity is a religion not of the perfect but of the forgiven." He fell quiet, knowing that though I sounded teasing, I was telling the truth.

Because that's where we spend most of our waking hours, the workplace offers us ample opportunities to grow from irritants or conflicts around us. As long as you choose to be guided by the highest principles known to man, whatever your religion, you we will welcome irritants as instruments to bring out the best in you. Think of the sand grit that forces the oyster to produce a pearl. It's called an irritant. Welcome the sand grits in the workplace. You can now look forward to owning a handful of pearls. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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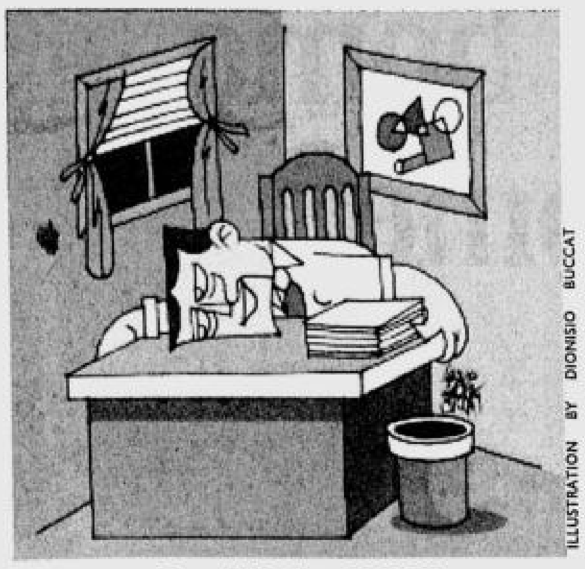

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Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Work's real worth

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

I BELIEVE that one of the wishes of a worker or anyone in the workplace for that matter has is to be "worthy" of his boss, the management, the company or even of his colleagues. One needs to feel that he is an asset and not a liability, a valuable worker and not an undesirable one, that he is somebody others are proud to be with and not a "pain in the ..." of many in the workplace. To realize this wish or satisfy this need, however, the worker has to go through a lot of difficulties and sufferings and bear heavy loads of physical, emotional or even financial burden. He has to "take up his cross" and strive hard to keep up with the standards and expectations of everyone in the company or to the stringent demands of the business. But what is the real worth of all such pain and suffering? Just to keep one's job and be able to feed one's family and satisfy one's needs?

Jesus in today's Gospel offers a much greater and valuable meaning of one's daily work with its accompanying pain and suffering; it is a way of following Him and sharing with Him in His mission of giving "fullness of life" to the world and redeeming mankind from eternal death.

The worker's effort to become the most valuable asset for the company by his painstaking dedication and commitment to his job does not only merit an increase in salary and fringe benefits but if done with faith in Jesus, will make the worker "worthy" of the Lord and the graces and favors of His Kingdom. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

Retrenched single mom desperately needs job

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time to train younger employees, and people like you are what they need. Also, there are many more job vacancies that are not advertised. The advertisements are only the tip of an iceberg, to use as a metaphor.

SOPs in finding job

My advice to you consists of the following:

First, list down your work experiences and extract the skills that you have. Classify your skills into those you enjoy using and those you don't like using. You said that you have experience in all HR functions. Which HR functions do you most enjoy doing?

Second, make a good resumé. There are books you can buy or borrow, and articles in the Internet you can access on writing effective resumés. Among other things your resumé should include:

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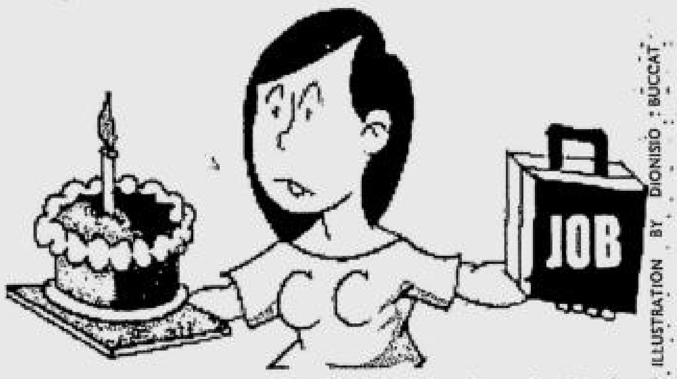
2. Skills you have confidence in using. Make sure these skills use action verbs with descriptive adjectives to modify them. Examples of skills: conducting training programs with poise and self-confidence, installing efficient system for interviewing job applicants and hiring qualified new employees, and maintaining good relationships with superiors, peers and direct report.

These two items are your selling points; they are the reasons why you should be hired and compensate for your age. In your letter of application and during the job interviews, emphasize the value and benefit of hiring you, despite your age, or because of the maturity that comes with age and the right kind of experience.

Other action steps

Third, prepare for interviews. You know too well what the interviewer is looking for since interviewing is one of the HR functions you have done. However, it is better to be up-to-date on these. So source out materials to improve your skills in interviewing and being interviewed.

Fourth, it is not enough that you prepare yourself and apply for another job. You must consider job options other than paid employment.



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What other skills and aptitudes do you have that can be a source of income and, at the same time, be a source of enjoyment and fulfillment for you?

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OFWs build a home away from home

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few weeks of their relocation. For others, the relocation is an adventure. Sena from California says that there is hardly anytime to sit back to adjust and wallow in loneliness because she is always away during the weekends seeing new places and exploring new things.

Working abroad also brings a sense of independence that has its pros and cons. Some enjoy the idea of living on their own away from their families. For them, it's a maturing experience. Others feel crippled without the support and assistance on even the most menial things like housework. Used to helpers and drivers, Pinoys abroad had to learn how to iron their own clothes and prepare their own meals. At the start, an exercise as simple as cleaning the toilet bowl would plunge them into a pool of self-pity. Most have gotten used to eating cereal instead of rice in an empty kitchen.

Speaking up

Alvin Chua, who has managed to put up a successful Internet business in the US, has another way of dealing with the challenge. "One of the best things I've learned was my aunt telling me "You'll have to speak up and do things on your own. It's not like the Philippines where there are people who'll do the things for you. If you need something, you'll have to speak up—there's nobody here that will tend to your needs."

The few who are lucky to have their families with them are faced with different challenges. Childcare often becomes a major concern. For parents who are used to *yayas* (nursemaids) and in-laws watching over their kids, leaving their children to the care of strangers in day care is a painful exercise they have to live with. Day care, especially in the US and Singapore, is also very expensive, but parents are left without a choice. Filipinos also worry about bringing up their children in an alien environment. Most wish to instill Filipino values to their children. They don't want their offspring to forget about their roots. "I'm worried that my son would have apathy towards his own country. That's why I want him to go to college in the Philippines. It's not only more affordable, but he also gets to know his background," claims Girlie Akers, an operations manager in Long Beach with a son who is half-American.

Different work culture

Back in the workplace where globalization is quickly taking over, ironing their shirts and taking care of their toddlers are the least of the OFWs' worries. Pinoys have to adapt to a different work culture in a multiracial environment. Go, for instance, works for a multinational company. Her dynamic team is composed of six nationalities. "The key and the most important thing to observe are respect and tolerance. Respect for each others' ethnicity and background," Go shares.

Singaporeans, like most foreign employers, are very strict on deadlines. Work culture is often more fast-paced and aggressive. "They are so particular about delivering on time, no excuses. The quality of your work is also important so you have to thoroughly quality assure your deliverables. This kind of work culture was really very overwhelming in the beginning, but I've slowly adapted to it. Work traits such as being keen on details and meeting deadlines on time are already ingrained in me," shares Geraldine Argosino, another OFW from Singapore.

Work ethics

Lejarde in Australia claims that his employees are keen on punctuality. Filipino time became a thing of the past for Lejarde. The advantage is that bosses don't mind if they time out exactly on the dot. Overtime is also not a common practice.

In California, the work culture is based more on honesty. According to Sena, they have no time clocks. Telecommu ting is a common option. She says that as long as she puts in 40 hours of work a week, she can work at home. This way, employees are more relaxed, inspired and productive. "Sometimes, we joke around that the only time we could sit still and be restful is at work. Outside of work, we are out in the sun, hiking, biking, sailing, etc. The company encourages the staff to have an "outside" life and be more interesting. They understand "family first" mentality. They understand the concept of well-roundedness."

On the eastern side of the country, the temperament is quite the opposite. "It could get enslaving sometimes. It's extremely competitive so the pressure to deliver—get scoops, exclusive stories, etc.—could get boiler-room temperature," shares Evelyn Juan, a Wall Street reporter in New York. "They are also very meticulous in quality control." Juan explains that front pages pass through three editors before being published.

Staying on

In spite of the pressure, they stay on for several reasons. While most agree that the motivation for working abroad is the pay, others believe otherwise. They claim that although they earn in dollars, they also spend in dollars. What keeps them staying is the general stability and hospitality of their adoptive country. In Singapore for example, OFWs claim that employee benefits are well thought of. Beyond the benefits, Singapore also thinks of their employees' future welfare. When most Asian economies were on a slump, Singapore embarked on many subsidized training programs to upgrade the skills and knowledge of the workforce so as to enhance their chances of getting a new job should they be displaced. Permanent residents enjoy the comprehensive social-security savings scheme, which includes retirement, home ownership, health care, and financial protection.

Others simply revel in the fresh air, the strange and stimulating environments and the modern conveniences of progressive cities. But before long, the red leaves of autumn lose their appeal and the sense of adventure wanes. Still, they continue to toil day in and day out under a strange sun hoping for a better future for themselves, their children and for those they left behind.

Fruits of labor

A great chunk of their earnings are sent to relatives at home. Remittances often pay for their sibling's education in the Philippines. From afar, OFWs take care of their relatives' medical bills. Even the country benefits from these overseas heroes. Many OFWs are investing their hard-earned bills on real estate, transportation, housing and banking just to name a few.

In the end, what they really wish to do is enjoy the fruits of their labor under the Philippine sun. "I want to retire in the Philippines. Growing old and planning to die in another country just seems cruel and sad," says Akers in her office in California. "I want to be with my old friends and family where I grew up. The Philippines is still my home."

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Retrenched single ...

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Professional services

Or, how about marketing your services in HR? In my first advice above, I suggested that you make an inventory of the HR skills you are proficient in, enjoy using and are confident about.

You can also market these HR skills through the bulletin boards in your community, your network and the Internet. More and more companies are outsourcing HR functions to outside suppliers. Your edge over companies that are suppliers of HR services is that you offer lower rates because you have no office and no overhead to maintain.

There are job possibilities that you can look at, both corporate and outside corporate settings. Use this time until the end of July to do your planning, listing down your options and getting information on each one. In deciding on the best option to pursue, always consider your interests or preferences, and your skills and your level of competence on each of these skills so that you will know if there is a need for you to improve them.

Reflections

You can engage yourself in marketing your products and/or services while waiting for employment in a corporate or organization setting.

You also said in your letter that it took nine years before you were promoted to HR officer. You may want to find out why this was so. You can ask your current boss, as a last favor, to give you an honest feedback on your work attitudes and behaviors as a basis for your self-development and improvement. Express gratitude for the feedback the boss gives you.

It is also important that you manage your separation pay well. Make a good budget and have your children participate in making it. Get their cooperation in reducing costs and minimizing expenses. God bless you.

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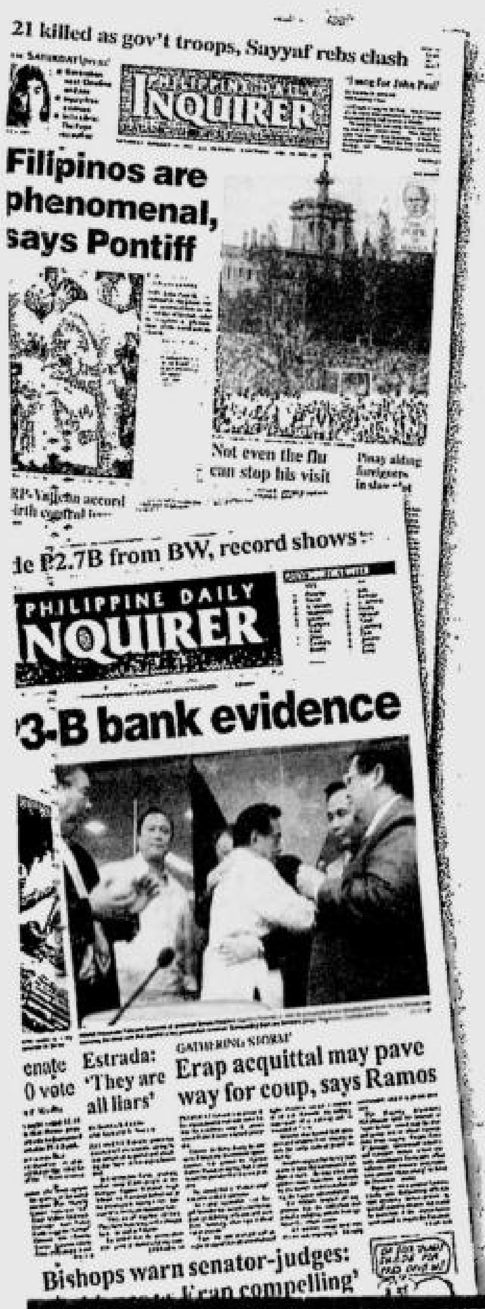
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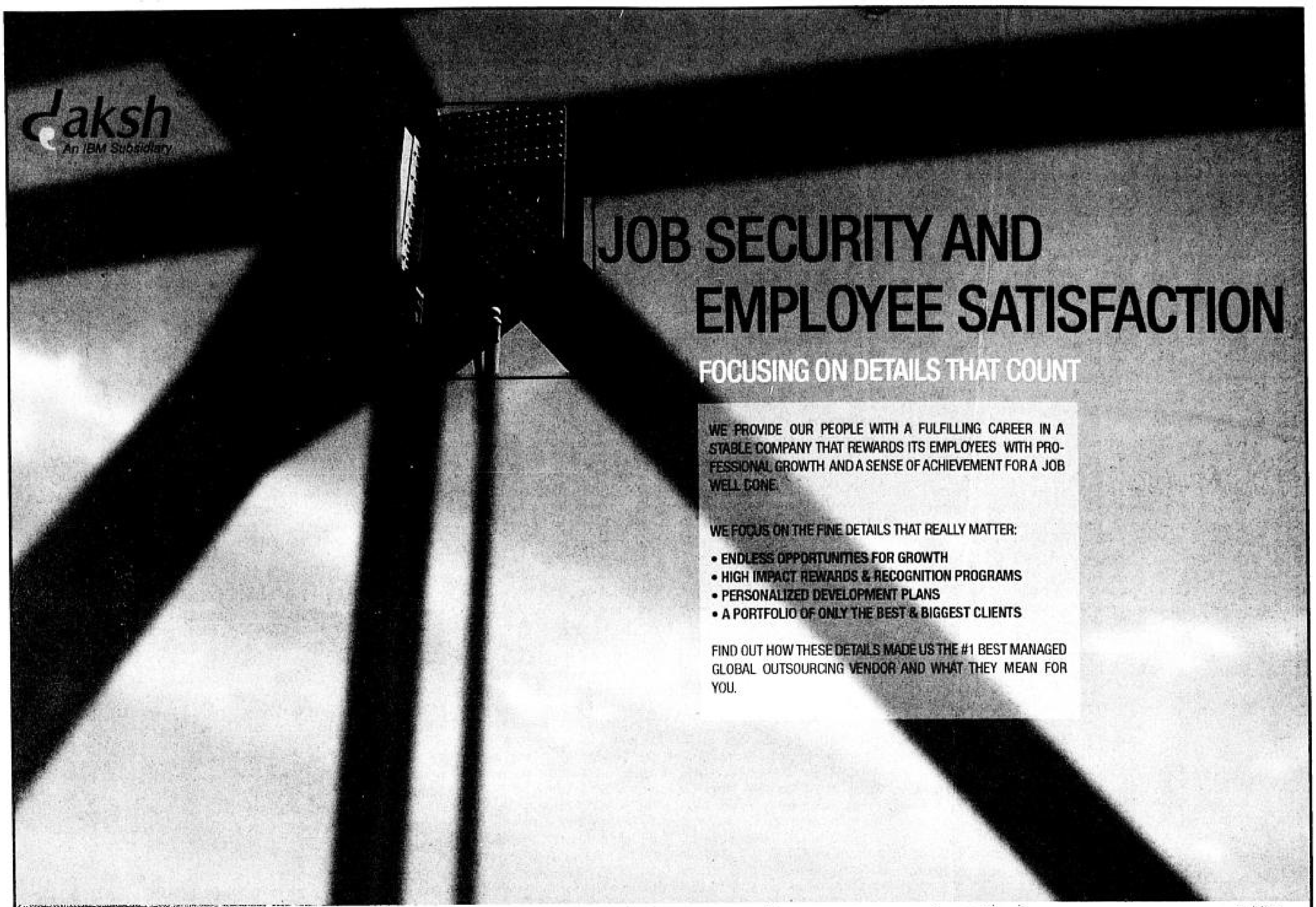

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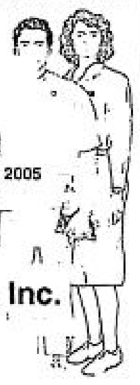

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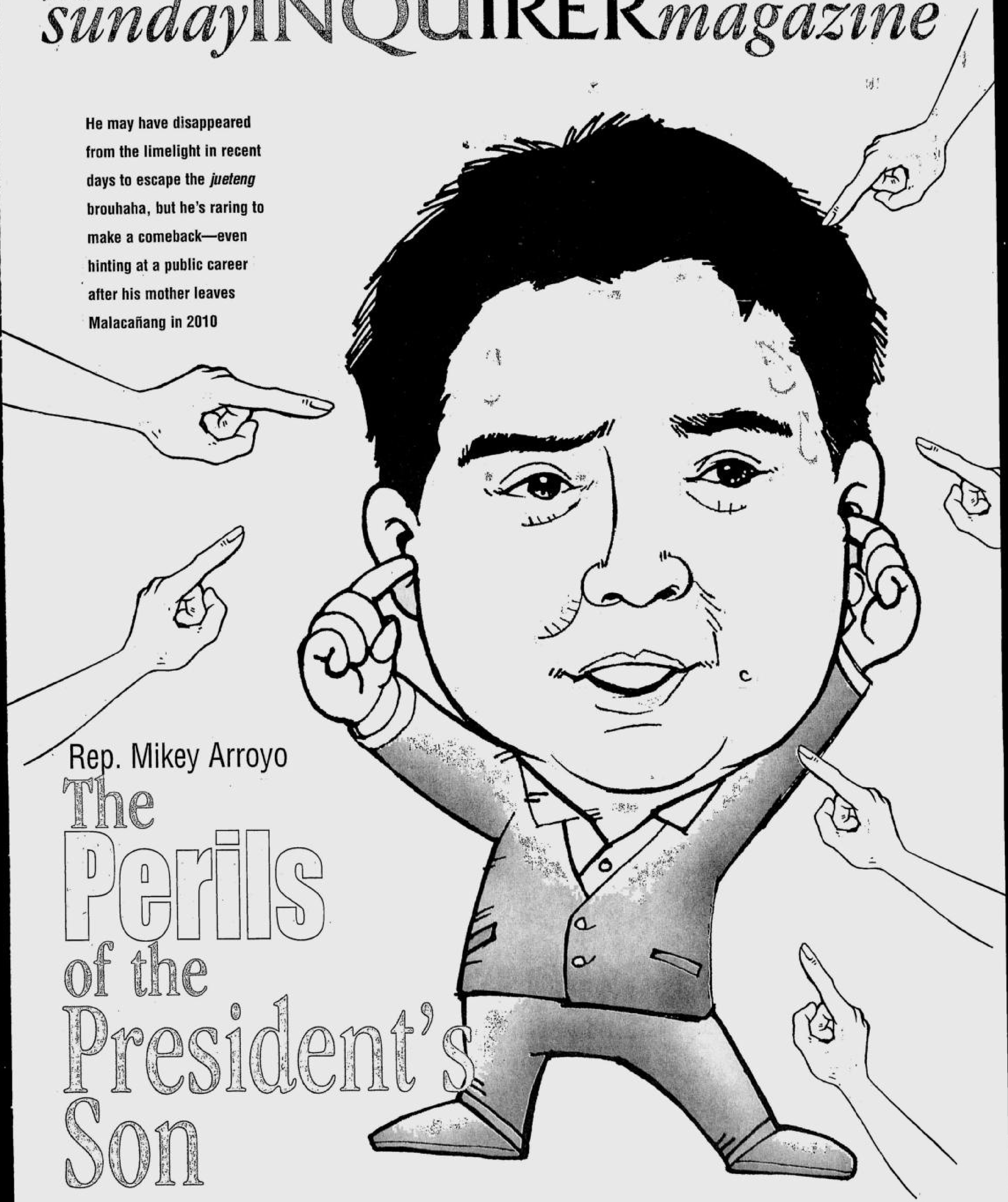

Rep. Mikey Arroyo

The Perils of the President's Son

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REP. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, dubbed the Lion King by his critics, is nursing his wounds after enduring what he called the "worst scandal" of his political career.

The 36-year-old lawmaker last week took an indefinite leave of absence from his work as representative of Pampanga's 2nd District after being accused of taking at least P500,000 in monthly bribes from *jueteng* lords.

"I am in pain and my family is in pain as a result of it. More so because I know all these attacks are not helping the country's image," Mikey says in an interview with SIM.

He has repeatedly denied the accusations, claiming they were the work of his mother's enemies in a bid to topple her from power.

"I feel black propaganda is part and parcel of Philippine politics, unfortunately. It comes with the territory," he says. "I entered politics so I can be of help. That hasn't changed. If ever, my resolve has doubled because I want to prove these people wrong, and show them that I can make a positive difference."

The congressman claims he now spends most of his time taking care of the needs of his constituents and conferring with his legal team on how to debunk the allegations against him.

He said his leave had also given him the opportunity to spend more quality time with his wife and second cousin Angela Montenegro and their two young daughters, Mikaela Gloria and Marie Angelique, who was born last May 12.

"I've already been quoted before, that this is the worst scandal I've ever faced. *Masakit*. But Angela and I know we would be targets simply because I am the son of the President," he says. "Friends and family have been very supportive. They know this is all hogwash. Prayer really helps us," he added.

Mikey was born on April 26, 1969 to the wealthy and politically-influential Macapagal-Arroyo clan. His grandfather, the late Diosdado Macapagal, served as the country's President from 1961 to 1965.

His uncle, Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo, who had also been accused of taking *jueteng* payola, is a congressman from Negros Occidental's 5th district, while aunt Cielo Macapagal-Salgado served as Pampanga's vice-governor from 1988 to 1992 and again from 1995 to 1998. She is currently a Philippine National Bank director.

Mikey's two younger siblings, Luli and Dato, have both kept a low profile. The President's first-born says there is no sibling rivalry among them and that, despite the President's heavy workload, the First Family is a "normal family."

"Luli, Dato and I have always been close. We needed to be because a lot of times, we had to help each other out, since our mother devoted her life to public service early on. Our dad was also supportive of my mom's career, so time with our parents was at a premium," says Mikey.

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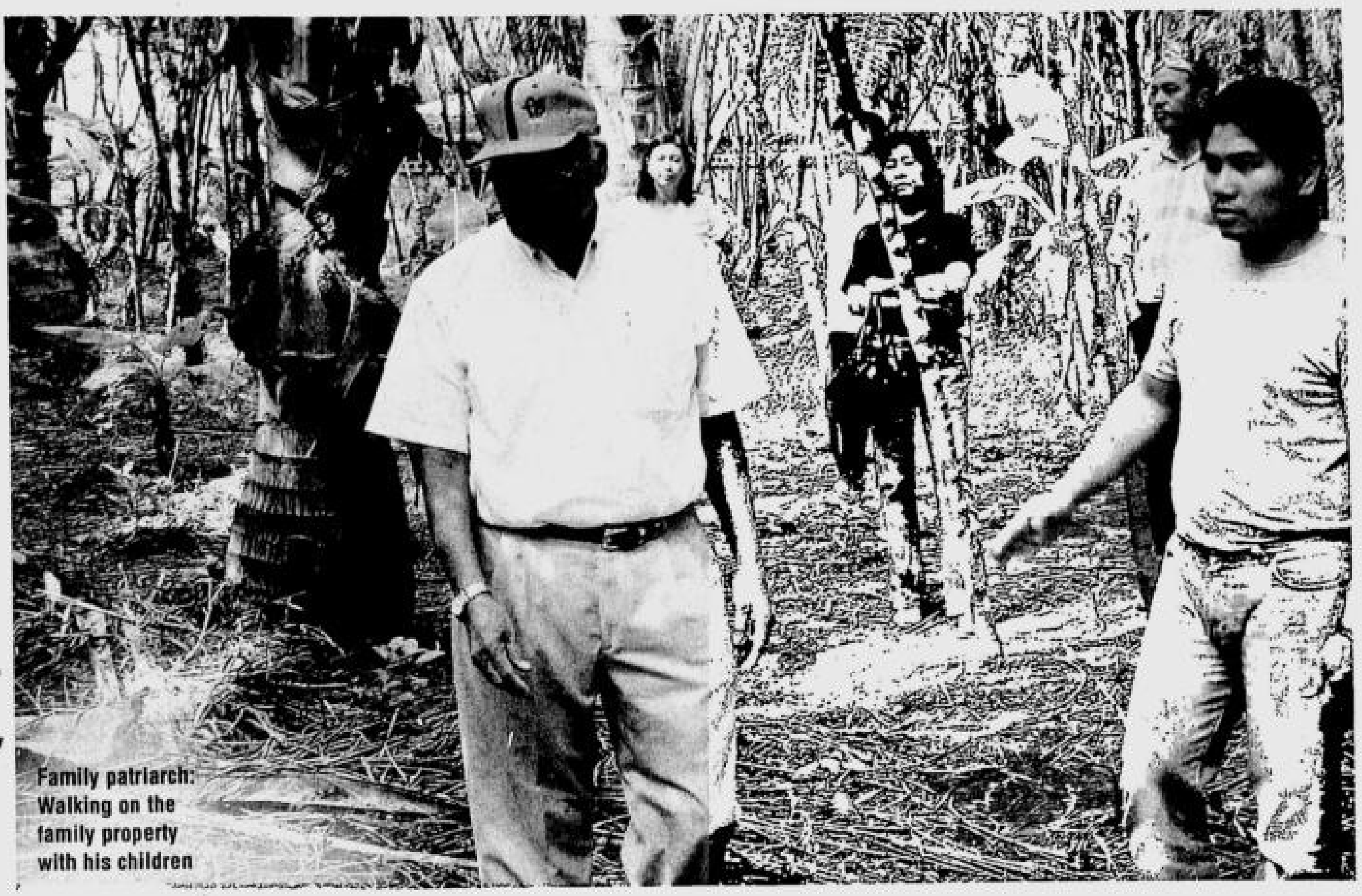
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To tweak The Who, they didn't die before they got old. If they do it'll be the day the music dies. Even when none of them will ever be the young rock star jailed for shooting their spouses or girlfriends, who die in plane crashes, by overdosing or by committing suicide, but will instead die in their sleep or of ripe old age, for the sheer originality of "Himig Natin," *mabuhay pa rin sila!*

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NUMBER JUAN

It's good to hear that the aging members (take note of the creases) of the Juan de la Cruz band are on the road again ("The Resurrection of Juan de la Cruz," **SIM**, 19 June 2005). Well, as long as they have strong, reliable vocal chords and their fingers are not arthritic, they could go on and on and on until they drop. There's no age limit in your trade as long as you can deliver. It's a sad thing to note, however, that in this country wrinkles on the face matter. Look at TV commercials, or read the classified ads (jobseekers, pay attention)—I need not explain lest I ramble.

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Hurray for featuring the Juan dela Cruz Band! JDLC first came to light in those years when mass marketing and public tastes were mutually exclusive, when MTV and VJs didn't exist to tell us what to listen to, what record(s) to buy and who to look up to and we ordinary folk knew what bands truly mattered. In these times when bubblegum pop rules, when "artist" is used loosely and is even used to honor copycat showbands, when singers are mass-produced or come as plastic as the CD they are recorded in, it is refreshing to see the original power trio up in arms, as it were, once more. The JDLC Band are as real as they come. Once subversive, they remain our Rolling Stones, the Grateful Dead, Led Zeppelin, the Beatles, the Sex Pistols, The Clash, Lou Reed, Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Bob Marley rolled into the baddest, still most convincing performers ever to stalk the stage and leaving a rock 'n' roll legacy as enduring as their Western brethrens'. These days, singers want to play it safe and take no risks for their art but irreverent Joey Smith, who could be Keith Richards' blood brother, proved that he could write mean Tagalog lyrics mirroring our urban squalor, proved that he had more lives than Sid Vicious. Wally Gonzalez evokes guitar hero Jeff Beck and those blues heroes, while Mike Hanopol always had the class, the smarts and the talent to expand the narrow realms of local pop.

To tweak The Who, they didn't die before they got old. If they do it'll be the day the music dies. Even when none of them will ever be the young rock star jailed for shooting their spouses or girlfriends, who die in plane crashes, by overdosing or by committing suicide, but will instead die in their sleep or of ripe old age, for the sheer originality of *"Himig Natin," mabuhay pa rin sila!*

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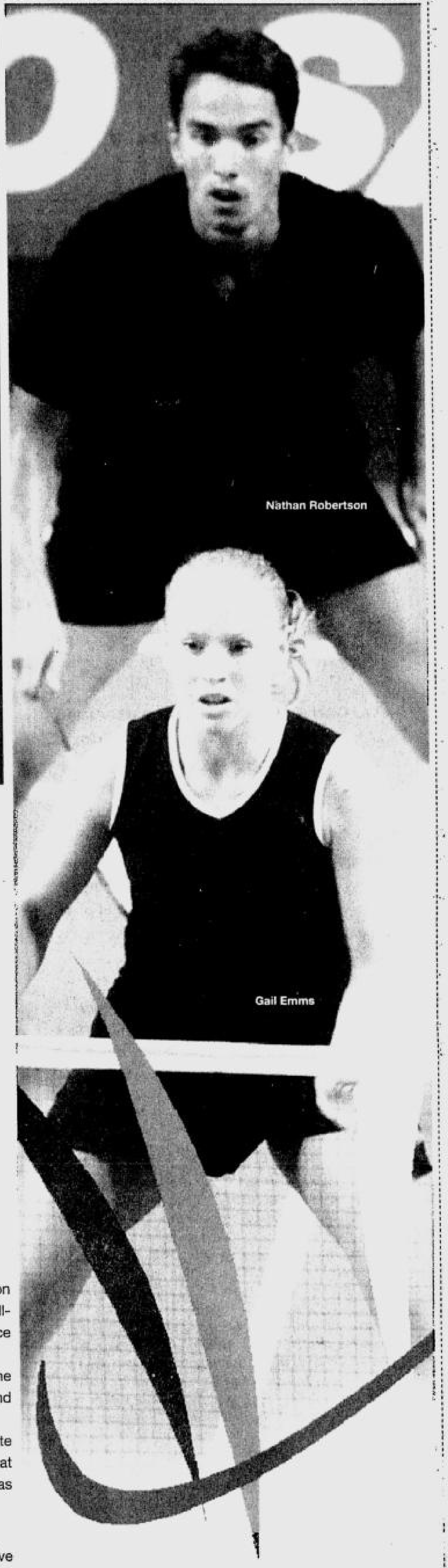

MVP CUP
ASIA vs EUROPE
THE MANUEL V. PANGILINAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twice the Doubles Excitement from Europe

European Doubles specialists Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms are ready to prove their true worth to the badminton world at the MVP Cup. Currently ranked # 1 in the world, they are also winners of the Swiss Open and prestigious all-England events. Nathan himself won the Silver at the 2004 Athens Olympics. Together they bring a world of experience and skill to the MVP Cup.

Nathan has come back from elbow surgery and Gail, a broken toe, but this gutsy duo has never let injuries get in the way. Together they are a lethal force, combining Nathan's quality of shot-making with Gail's 100% determination and aggressiveness. Good anticipation, vision, and mental strength will be their key advantages.

Nathan will also partner with Robert Blair for the men's doubles event. This pair regularly fights through to the late rounds of every tournament they enter, being finalists in the European Championships and also representing England at the Sudirman Cup. They defeated Japan and Thailand only to lose a close heartbreaker against the Danes in the Thomas Cup. All in all, expect the MVP Cup to be a highly charged dramatic showdown when these guys come to town.

MVP Cup – History in the Making

The MVP Cup will see Asia taking on Europe on an unprecedented scale. This will be the first time ever competitive team play will be adopted in a major badminton tournament, similar to golf's Ryder Cup. For three momentous days this July, the Philippines will be in the badminton spotlight, the central venue where the best talents will go all out to win.

Tickets for as low as ₱500, ₱350, ₱250, ₱150, ₱50 from TicketWorld 891-9999

MVP Cup Schedule of Play

July 12, 2005		
7:00pm	1st Ladies' Singles	Mia Audina Tjiptawan (vs) Zhang Ning
8:30pm	1st Men's Singles	Anders Boesen (vs) Taufik Hidayat
10:00pm	Men's Doubles	Nathan Robertson & Robert Blair (vs) Chan Chong Ming & Koo Kian Keat
July 13, 2005		
7:00pm	2nd Men's Singles	Bjoern Joppien (vs) Lin Dan
8:30pm	2nd Ladies Singles	Pi Hongyan (vs) Seo Yoon Hee
10:00pm	Ladies' Doubles	Mia Audina Tjiptawan & Yao Jie (vs) Saralee Thungthongkam & Sathinee Chankrachangwong
July 14, 2005		
7:00pm	Mixed Doubles	Nathan Robertson & Gail Emms (vs) Kennivic Asuncion & Kennie Asuncion
8:30pm	3rd Ladies' Singles	(Captain's Option)
10:00pm	3rd Men's Singles	(Captain's Option)

MVP Cup is Already Hot News on the Web

"I am going for shock wins for Boesen and Blair/Robertson"
-- *Cheung, Hong Kong*

"Got my tickets already..the waiting is the hard part :)"
-- *Pball, Manila*

"...I'm definitely going to be there..."
-- *Ants, Malaysia*

See more of the MVP Cup online at **www.mypad.net/mvpcup2005**

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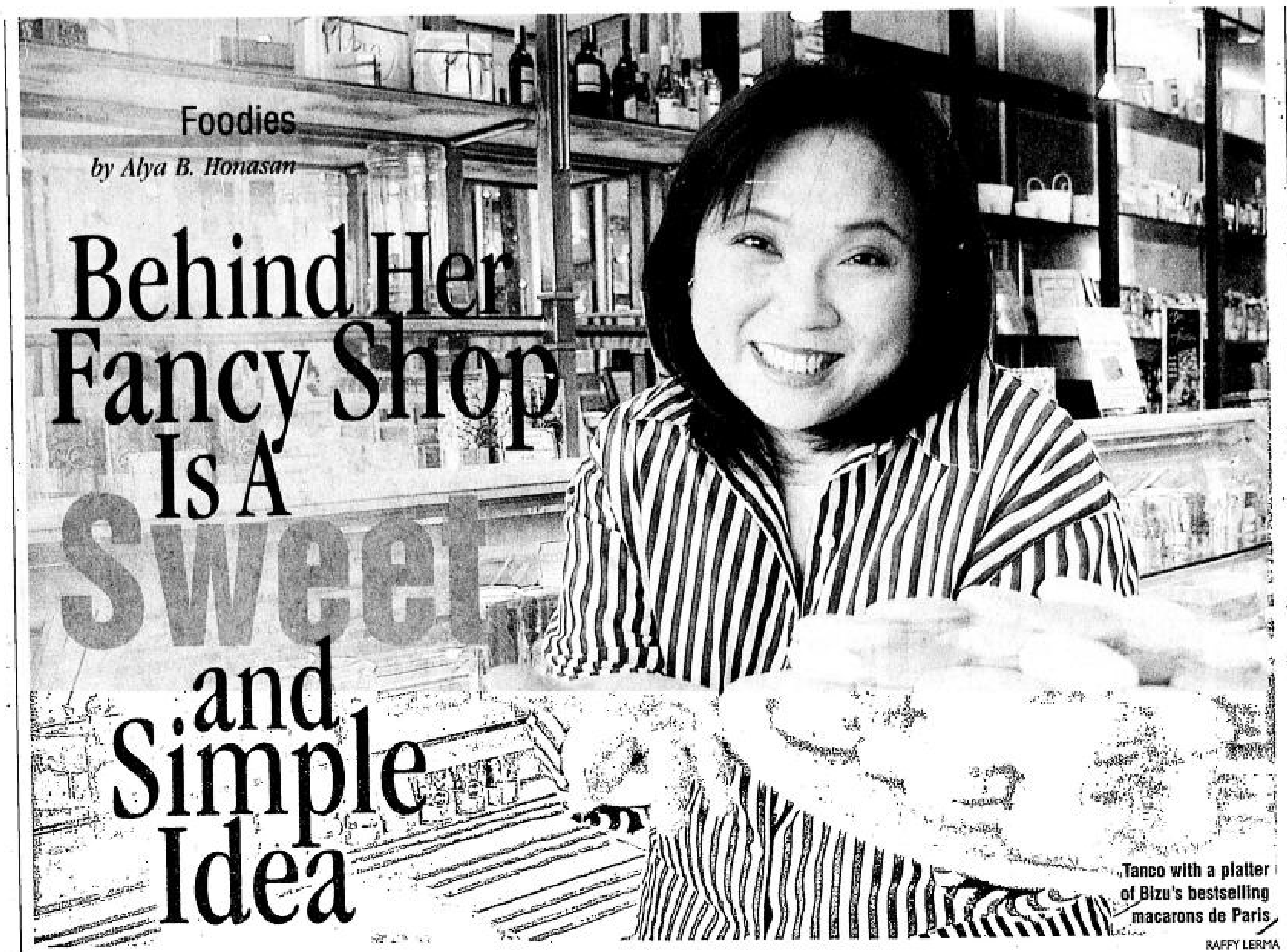
Foodies

by *Alya B. Honasan*

Behind Her Fancy Shop Is A Sweet and Simple Idea



Tanco with a platter of Bizu's bestselling macarons de Paris

RAFFY LERMA

YOU CAN almost taste the happiness Anabel Lichaytoo Tanco feels when she's holding a platter of her best-selling macarons de Paris (pastel treats of meringue, sugar and crushed almonds), or presenting you with a sinful Samba (milk and dark chocolate mousse between layers of chocolate cake) or a luscious Strawberry Chiboust (that's a classic French cheesecake with fresh strawberries the size of ping-pong balls). The woman behind Bizu, probably the prettiest and most delicious patisserie in Manila, has a simple explanation. "It's like everything I make is an offering to the gods. If God walked into my store today, would He like it?"

We're betting yes, and He'll probably approve of what Tanco has made of fresh fruit, cream and chocolate since He created all that good stuff. It's more than just a PR slant for Tanco, however. The shop, which opened only its second branch in four years at the Promenade of the Greenhills Shopping Center, marks a rebound of sorts for this 47-year-old wife, mother and formerly harassed and haggard businesswoman who once ran a garments business, and now looks fresh and youthful enough to be mistaken for her daughter's older sister. "Oh, this kind of work is also hard," she clarifies. "Except that this is something I really love. It's beautiful, but it's really very simple. And that's how I like it."

Entrepreneurship seemed inevitable for Tanco, born in Manila to a "not very traditional" Chinese family, where her Shanghai-born mother was so worried her children wouldn't speak English that she failed to drill them in the Chinese language. "Now, I can get the gist of what people say, but I don't speak Chinese that well. When I was in high school at the Immaculate Conception Academy, I wondered what my classmates were saying." Because her own dad was western-educated, Tanco didn't have to conform to stereotypes. Married at age 22 to husband Arthur, whom she met in high school during class parties with his school, Xavier, she immediately buckled down to business. Arthur was already in the yarn business then. "By the time I was 27, I had a garments factory with 125 workers, and I was exporting sweaters to Europe and the United States." She also became a mom three times over, and would dabble in Christmas décor every time the season rolled along. The work was punishing, though. "If you have an enemy, tell him to go into the garments business!" Tanco says with a laugh.

No age limit

Food was a constant, but never a business option, Tanco relates. "I never had any formal training, although I'd always help out with Sunday lunch." Her mother also used to run a *lumpia* and *pansit* kiosk at the Cherry Foodarama where Tanco helped out after school.

Tanco and her siblings often talked about running a restaurant. It was only in 2000, however, that "I woke up and decided I was going to cooking school. My friend even told me, 'Go now, this minute, before you change your mind!'" At the Center for Culinary Arts, they asked how old she was. "Why?" she retorted. "Do you have an age limit?" Tanco turned out to be the oldest in her class, and everyone ended up calling her *tita*.

It was her teacher in her pastries course who first put the idea of a pastry shop in her head. "I thought, the only way I will put up a pastry shop is if it's like Fauchon." Fauchon, a Paris landmark, is a high-end patisserie that's over a hundred years old and known for its divine confections. Acknowledging that nobody does pastries like the French, Tanco went to Paris and apprenticed with a pastry master for several months. Taken from *bisous*, the French word for "kiss," the first Bizu opened in February 2001. Her three kids are now all grown up and helping out in the business: Aaron is 24 and manager for the stores, Audrey is 21 and helps out with marketing, and Alexander is 19 and studying hotel and restaurant management in preparation for a career in her mom's sweet business.

The cakes in her high-end patisserie may be gorgeous and ornate, but they're still consistent with restaurateur and spiritual searcher Anabel Tanco's no-frills philosophy in life: Do what you love, give only the best, and always look inside yourself for guidance

Other than a second career wind, Bizu represents a change in Tanco's worldview, as well. After her garments' burn-out—"when it was all about me, me, me"—Tanco discovered Siddha Yoga. "You go through life, and there's that spiritual part of you that keeps searching," she explains. She had tried different meditation groups before, and had always been fascinated with yoga. Siddha Yoga, in particular, espouses a turning inward, and an opening of the heart and mind to see the divine in other people. The first time she visited the center in Manila, "I thought, weird," Tanco says. "Then I noticed that the chants and meditation would make me feel better, make me centered. I'm always hyper, so out, out, out there, but when I meditate, I have to go inside, and the power is there inside you. I'm calmer and I can think better."

Gift to herself

After reading a book by Siddha Yoga founder Swami Muktananda, Tanco was converted, and soon found herself at an ashram, a spiritual retreat center, where she reveled in the quiet for a week. Today, Tanco meditates twice a day and makes an annual "pilgrimage" to Siddha Yoga ashrams in South Fallsburg, New York, and Ganeshpuri, India. It's her idea of a gift to herself, and where she escapes to get her bearings. Already a simple person who hardly wears makeup or jewelry, Tanco was even more detached after her first ashram experience. "I realized I had so many things. Something just happened—I guess my heart opened. I'm a worrier, and I used to be such a control freak. Now I have a mantra, and when things are going haywire I try to stay calm and be a witness. It's how you look at things that matter."

So how does she reconcile this goal of simplicity with the ornate indulgences in her shop? "I like to think, if I'm going to give this to God, will it be good enough? God is in everyone, so I give respect to others. I serve only the best and freshest food. Everything in my store is spic and span, my walls have to be clean, my store has to be *maaliwalas*, spacious, bright, comfortable. You can come in a gown or shorts, come as yourself."

Laid-back

It's a laid-back attitude that Tanco now tries to share with her children. "I'm fortunate in that I have very nice kids, they're *mabait*. I'm a cool mom. They used to cry when they were small, when people said bad things. I just told them, remember this: You cannot control what people will say about you, what comes out of their mouths. But you can control what's in your head and how you take it. Why give your power to another person?"

Although work has her getting to bed at 1 or 2 in the morning, Tanco unwinds by watching movies and catching up on sleep. She's trying to watch her weight and keep from overindulging in her own goodies—"like, just one macaroon at a time. It's my husband who's so healthy—he only eats vegetables. We look like a no. 10 now when we're together—he's the 1, I'm the 0. I don't want us to look like 100!" she says with a laugh.

Indeed, the pretty little pastry shop and all the pleasure it brings seems a perfect preoccupation for Tanco at this point in her contented life. "That's why I put up a restaurant with all my favorite things—chocolate, strawberries. It's fun, it's happy." Expansion is always possible, but she's taking her time and waiting for things to be crystal clear before making any decision. At least she knows what her reference point will always be. "You can go around the world, but what are you looking for? You just have to find the good in you." Q

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"*Pero*, normal family *naman kami*. Our parents would always try their best to make time so we could have outings and attend events together. Luli is super-level headed, very smart and can always be relied on to give good advice," he adds.

"Dato, on the other hand, is our youngest. I am proud of him, as he has always been mature for his age, very responsible, quiet and soft-spoken. *Ako naman*, I've always been more outgoing even then. I like meeting people and going out to various functions and events. That would be, I think, the key difference. Datu and Luli are much more private persons," he says.

Mikey attended Ateneo de Manila from grade school until college, where he took up AB degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. A member of the school's Utopia fraternity, he also earned a business administration degree from the University of California in Berkley.

Mikey claims his surname did not open doors for him at school. In fact, he says he even had to work harder because his mother taught economics in Ateneo. "She really wanted me to do well in my studies," he says.

"I had to study and work just like anybody else, especially in the US, where I finished grad school. In the US, if you don't make the grade, you flunk. *Sa* Ateneo, *ganun din. Walang palakasan*. Your parents would even tell your professor if you screwed up," he added.

Mikey described his mother as "loving and sweet," although preoccupied with her work.

Paying his dues

"*Marami lang talagang inaasikaso* (she was really busy) so we try to be as supportive as possible. I cannot say enough about her because I admire her as a person. She has accomplished so much. What I have learned from her is the need to work hard, to pay your dues and debts, to count your blessings and to be appreciative of those who have helped you," he says.

His father, who has also been linked to *jueteng* and several other controversies, is "super *cariñoso*," says Mikey. "He held the fort at home while my mom was working in government. He's a generous and nice guy. Not many people realize this about him because he treasures his privacy and is self-effacing. He really hates to be in the limelight. But he is a genuine person. What you see is what you get."

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Mikey got a taste of the country's politics when he helped his mother during election campaigns. Apparently, he liked what he saw. After his mother became President in 2001, he ran in that year's elections and became Pampanga's vice-governor.

Last year, he ran for congressman and beat Rembert Lapid, brother of then Pampanga governor, actor Lito Lapid. "There was no pressure on me to enter politics. It was natural for me to be in public service," Mikey says, adding that he didn't feel like a mere extension of his mother and her political party. "I'm not new in politics. I paid my dues helping out in my mother's various political campaigns."

Would he have won if he were not the President's son? "Of course, it helped a lot that my late grandfather was former President and my mother is currently President. Would I have won without this? All I know is, I would still have entered politics and would have tried my best to win," says Mikey.

"People will judge you not by your surname, although that helps, but they will look on your personal qualities and how successfully you are connecting with them before and during the campaign period. A surname is not

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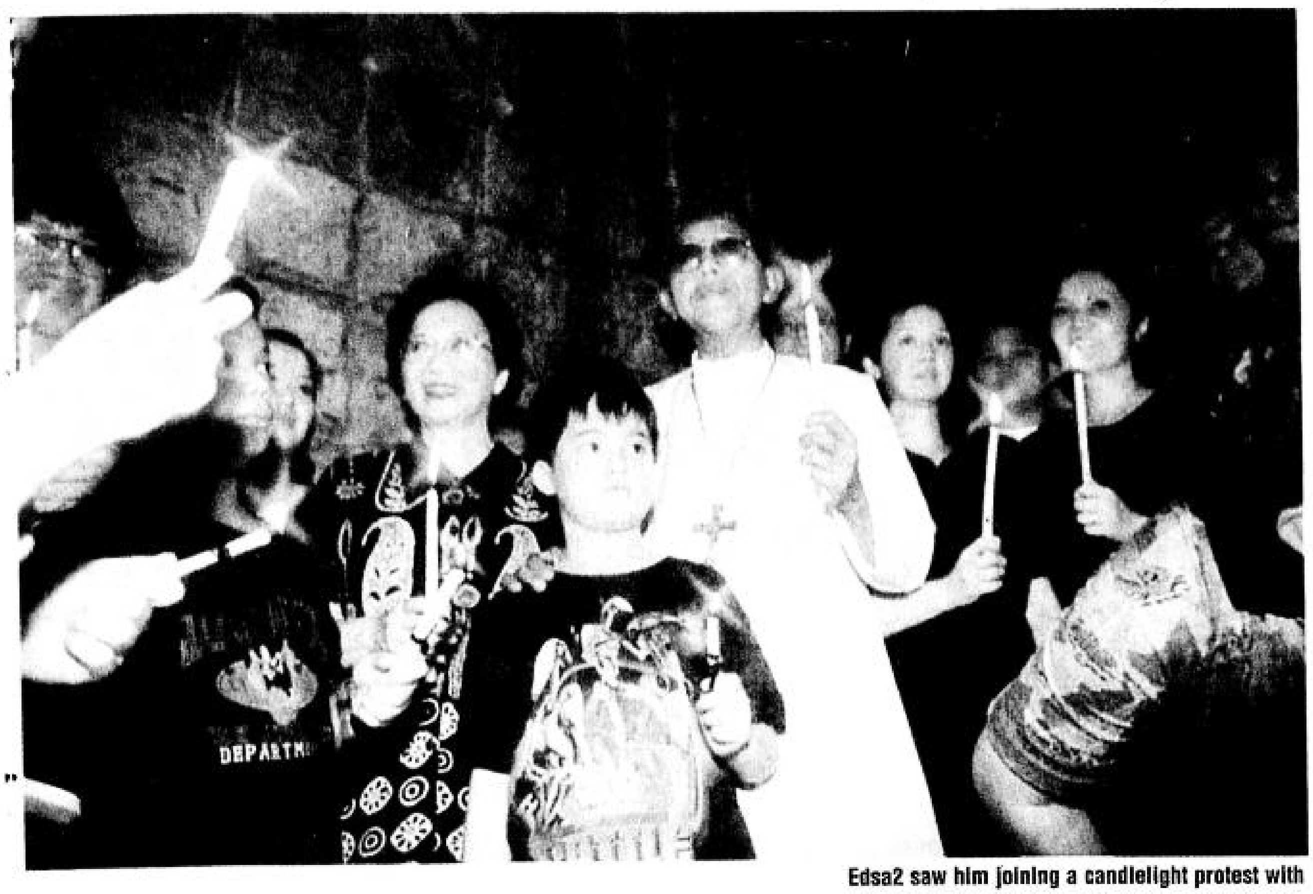
photographs by Noli Yamsuan

Immortal Sin

The late Cardinal lives on in the pictures of his long-time official photographer



Edsa2 saw him joining a candlelight protest with former President Cory Aquino and her family

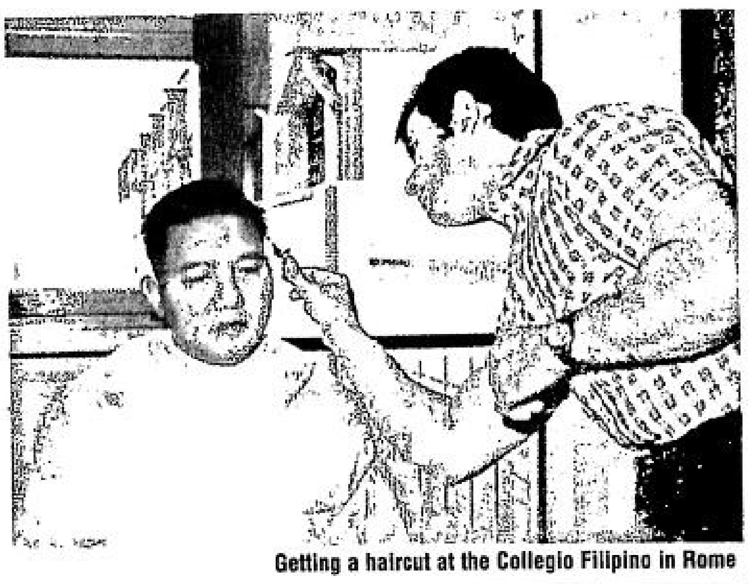
"One of my favorite close-up studies of Jaime Cardinal Sin"

THE 29-year relationship began, unremarkably enough, with the subject's polite request: "Can you please take my picture?" That first encounter between Manila Archbishop Cardinal Sin and then Daily Express photographer Noli Yamsuan soon ripened into a steady friendship that had His Eminence cooing, "Ooooh, Noli, you are here, with your camera!" everytime a photo opportunity presented itself.

Noli, who acknowledged that he took shots of "anything and everything, from the sacred to the profane" became the official photographer of "Ank Kardinal!" as eastern Europeans called the visiting prelate. In 1999, Noli compiled the best shots he took of his favorite subject into "Scenes of Sin," a chronicle of the life and times of the man who pitted his wits against the most powerful politicians of the day. A second edition of the book came out in 2003.

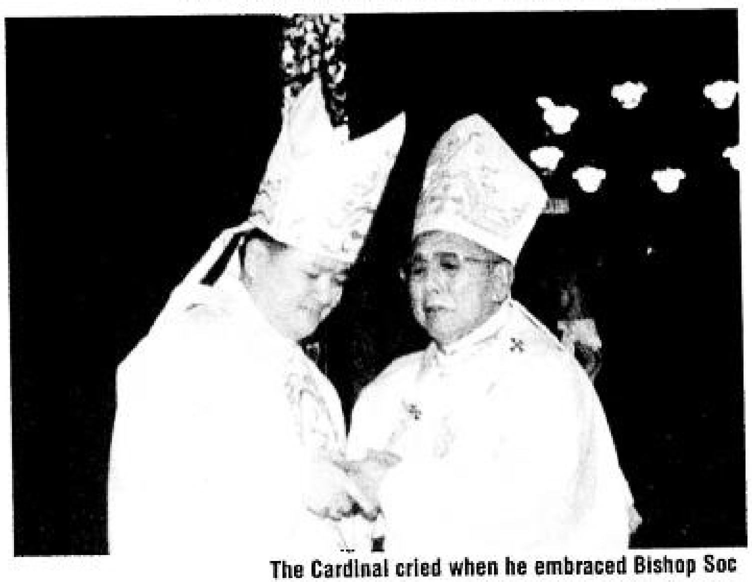
"He was always an interesting subject," Noli, a licensed chemical engineer from the University of Santo Tomas, recalls of Sin during the many occasions when he was privy to the Cardinal's changing moods. "When the relic of St. Therese came to visit him at Villa San Miguel, he prayed and cried," recounts Noli. But once, he adds, when the prelate invited clowns to perform on the grounds of his official residence, he laughed uproariously with the children. During the critical stages of Edsa 2, this major player at Edsa 1 wrote a letter to the Blessed Mother and placed it under her image, Noli recalls. Known for his hearty appetite, the Cardinal later hosted a thanksgiving lunch for the media.

Jaime Cardinal Sin passed away last Tuesday, June 21, of a lingering illness. Noli, who was given a Papal award for his unique service to the Church, shares some of the photographs that best capture the heart of the man that he knew and served so lovingly. Q



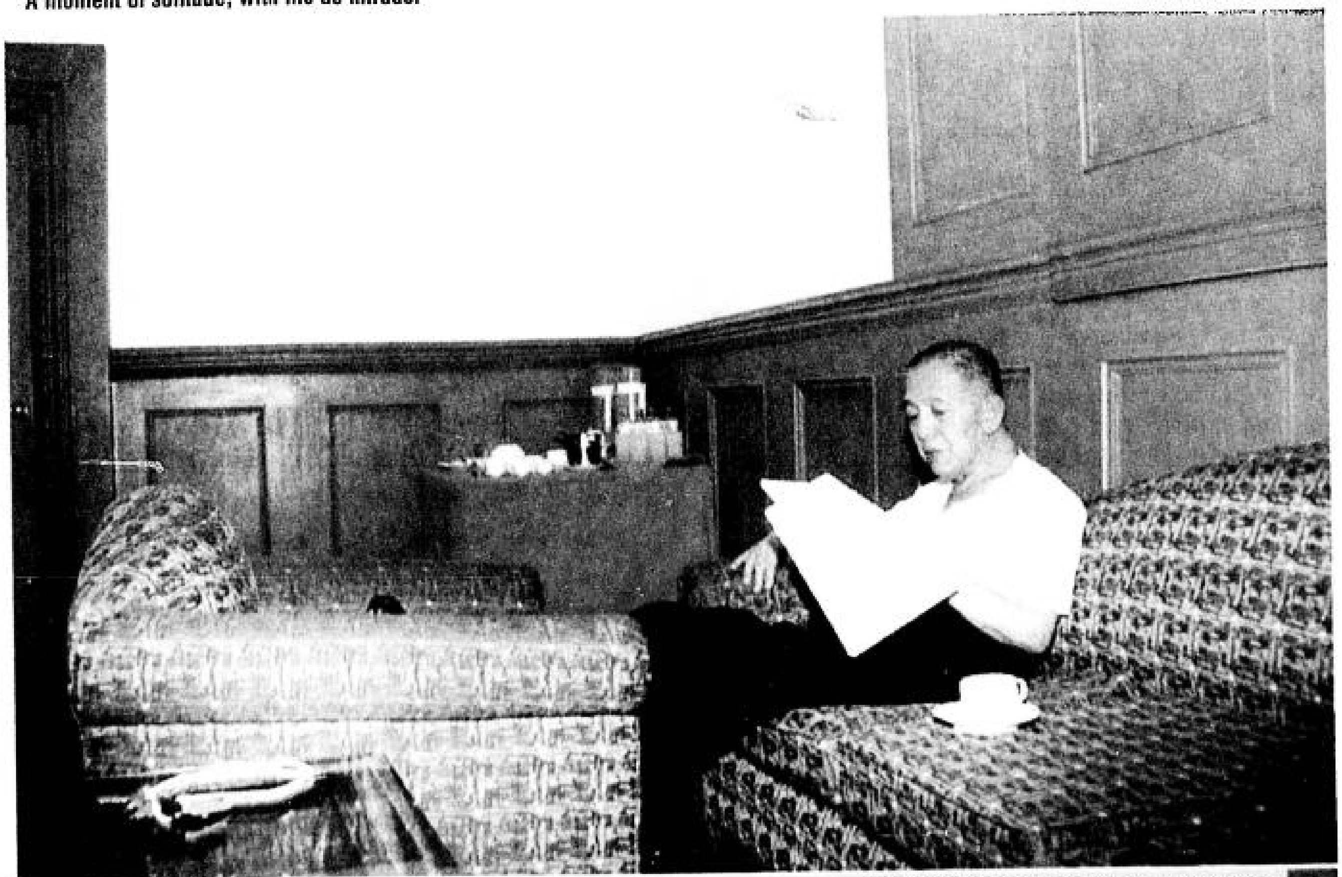
Getting a haircut at the Collegio Filipino in Rome

Men in red: Jaime Cardinal Sin and Ricardo Cardinal Vidal



The Cardinal cried when he embraced Bishop Soc Villegas during the latter's episcopal ordination

"A moment of solitude, with me as intruder"



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"It was a way for me to connect with more people and to earn money. And really, even if the movie world is full of intrigue, it's nothing compared to the intrigues and black propaganda in politics," he adds.

Mikey also dismisses observations that he was just following in the footsteps of the children of some previous presidents, who have tried their luck in showbiz. "It really depends on whether you will click with the crowd. If you don't draw people into theaters, then you have no place being in the moves. So far, my movies have earned money. And of course, how can you argue with the phenomenal success of Kris Aquino in showbiz?"

Life after politics

Mikey says he spends most of his free time with his family, trying to take care of his children. "I used to play basketball but don't really have that much time now. With two very small children and a young, beautiful wife, much of my free time is spent with my family," he says.

"We like eating out, going to the malls or watching movies. We would like to go out more often, but with security being a major concern, we spend a lot of our free time staying home or visiting with relatives," he adds.

Despite the brickbats thrown at him, Mikey says he plans to pursue his political career. But yes, there is life after politics, he adds, even after his mother's term and despite what people may say. "I plan to continue working in public service. I can still be of service as a private individual, but there's so much more you can do as an elected official.

"My mother's term ends in 2010. We are looking forward to this for her sake, because it has really been a big sacrifice for her. After she has completed her mandate and plans for the country, she really deserves to relax." Q

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Into the fold: Meloto with son-in-law Dylan Wilk, who works with him in GK

For A Cause

by Dulce Festin-Baybay

photographs by August dela Cruz

From Rags to Riches, and Back to the Slums

Tony Meloto grew up dreaming of becoming rich. When he eventually found the fortune he sought, he also discovered a mission that would bring him back where he started—among the poor and the homeless as executive director of Gawad Kalinga

WHEN he entered the corporate world, his main objective was to become rich and powerful, for he knew only too well how it was to grow up poor.

Antonio P. Meloto, Jr. 55, executive director of the phenomenal Gawad Kalinga (to give care) Community Development Foundation (GK), grew up near a squatters' area in Bacolod City. Tony's parents lived in a small rented house inside the hacienda of a relative. His father had to work as a houseboy for a professor to be able to pursue a college education. It was a long struggle for the growing Meloto family of six siblings, two of whom were handicapped. One was severely retarded due to an accident and the other was autistic. The senior Meloto later became a public school teacher and eventually, a clerk. Tony's mother was a public school teacher for 44 years.

"The children from the squatters' area became my playmates," recalls Tony. "Not far from us were the houses of the *hacenderos*. I did not have a social life and I went to a public school. In Bacolod, there is a very wide gap between the rich and the poor, between the landed and the landless. With my background, I was never really accepted socially. It was a source of brokenness. I grew up with the *sakadas* and farm workers in the haciendas of rich distant relatives. And I was never invited to their parties."

Tony grew up with a feeling of insecurity, which he masked with impatience, anger and ambition, even with pride. Looking at his rich relatives, he vowed: "I am going to show you someday." Adding to his insecurity were his physical handicaps. When he was 12, he fell from a tree and lost 80 percent of his sight in his left eye. He became cross-eyed until he finished high school. "I had all kinds of insecurities, compounded by my poverty and physical defects."

In his last year of high school, with some luck and because of his intelligence, Tony managed to get into an American Exchange Program that enabled him to study in California. Upon his return, he won a scholarship at the Ateneo de Manila University where he took up AB Economics.

"In college, I went through a phase of denial. I tried to pretend that I was never poor. I never told my friends that I was poor," he recounts. "Since I had a full scholarship, I stayed in the dorm. I had an American accent. I never told anyone there that I went to a public school in Bacolod. That is something that a lot of poor people with ambition go through. I was driven. After college I entered the corporate world and indulged in vices I could not afford. It was all part of the image."

As purchasing manager for packaging in a large corporation, Tony used to do plant visits in several provinces, including Concepcion, Tarlac, where he met Lyn Dizon, a daughter of a plant owner. At 28, Tony married this pedigreed lady and started working in his wife's family business. He would later set up his own packaging business with some relatives.

Materialistic lifestyle

Even before she married Tony, Lyn had always been active in Catholic renewal communities and he would reluctantly accompany her to prayer meetings, choosing to stay outside to wait for her, as he stubbornly clung to his vices and materialistic lifestyle. Then in 1984, he met Frank Padilla, one of the founding members of Couples for Christ (CFC). It was then that Tony Meloto's views on life changed drastically.

Tony was struck by the way Frank, son of the late Senator Ambrosio Padilla lived his life. Here was someone from a rich family who turned his back on worldly things to become a full time missionary of Couples For Christ. Tony had been pursuing what Frank had-fame, fortune and power, but Frank instead chose a different path. Their friendship prompted Tony to reassess his own life and in the process, re-discover his love for the poor. He was asked to lead a group to help in a depressed area in Caloocan City. Through CFC, Tony devoted his full time to Gawad Kalinga and eventually became its head.

"Frank Padilla is a fantastic human being who changed my life forever. He reflected Christ to me. Here I was, a poor man, being in solidarity now with this rich couple simply because we decided to surrender our lives to God. I gave up smoking, drinking and gambling because I couldn't be a bad example to the poor who really couldn't afford any of these vices. I didn't want to be a cause of temptation for them," says Tony.

As Tony was starting to serve Gawad Kalinga with passion, he was diagnosed with psoriasis, a skin disease triggered by stress like lack of sleep. Which meant he had to wear long sleeved shirts for years. It would only be in 2000 when he learned to be at peace with himself through detachment, the proper diet, and a positive attitude, that his psoriasis got cured and dried up.

Tony realized that his work with the poor was also a call to be in solidarity with them. After all, he knew how it was to be poor, The first thing he felt he had to do was to change from within. "It's always money that is at the heart of the oppression of the poor. So the first thing I did was to detach myself from money," says Tony. In 1996, Tony gave up his checking account and his credit cards, and no longer carries money in his pocket.

Tony and Lyn, who now own their own house, started to live simply to be

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Pinoy Connection

by Ruel S. De Vera

This Englishman Gave It All Up to Build Homes for Filipinos

Dylan Wilk left his life as a millionaire in England to embrace the Philippines and Gawad Kalinga, working with his father-in-law to help build a better world

SLEEK and swift as dreams of wealth, Dylan Wilk's shiny and silver BMW M3 stood front and center in his mind's eye. The twentysomething British millionaire loved fast cars and loved this one; the car was perfect and now he was going to let it go. "It was the fastest BMW in the world," he explains. "If I was just a rich guy giving away money, it would be a bit meaningless. But if you give your car, lots of people have cars and it's something they could relate to. I was really serious about what I wanted to do."

And what he wanted to do was help. He sold that car and used the proceeds to fund a Gawad Kalinga Village in Bulacan. That was just the start. Now Wilk stays in the Philippines, doing what he can for love of God and country—this country. When people first hear of Wilk's story, many express cynicism or simple disbelief; it's just too good to be true.

But Wilk, who just turned 31, simply overcomes any doubt. The goodlooking Englishman, a taller version of Harry Potter with sandy hair and minus the glasses, is also charming and intense; he speaks with the boundless energy of Milne's Tigger. And that's just when he talks. When one looks back at the remarkable life of this young man, one sees the sacrifice and his steadfast belief in God's will.

Born on May 6, Wilk grew up in Bradford, a hop away from Leeds. Growing up poor, Wilk got a full scholarship to attend Bradford Grammar. "It was there that I realized that I was as good as these other people, even if they were richer than me." After a trip to France to visit relatives, Wilk dropped out of school after he lost his scholarship at 16; he

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in solidarity with the poor. Wherever he travels, people pay for his transportation. When he goes around the country to help build GK houses (already in more than 500 slum areas in the country), he does not even ask who is going to meet him at the airport, where he will stay or where his next meal is coming from. "It's really detachment, " he adds, "When I surrendered my life to God, I liberated myself from the weaknesses of my control." This for Tony included gaining control of what was then described as his bad temper.

Like Christ

Living in solidarity with everyone also meant practicing their lifestyle. "I don't eat pork," he says. "When I started work with the Muslims, I decided to be in solidarity with them. I don't want them to smell pork in my sweat and breath." Tony is comfortable relating with the Muslims because of his attitude that "I don't have to make them believe in my religion. I simply have to practice my religion on them. I simply have to be like Christ to them."

Today, Lyn takes care of the financial aspect of the family, having learned to accept her husband for what he is. "He changed because according to him, it was also the affection and the love that I gave him," she explains. "We've been married for 26 years. I just let him 'fly' and support him whenever I can. I don't want to get in the way of his dreams and his aspirations even though it gets hard sometimes. I have learned to accept that he is doing something great because people say that I am married to a man with an extraordinary mission."

The Melotos have five children, four of whom are active with GK and the youngest is one-year-old Celine whom they adopted after she was abandoned. Anna, 25, the eldest, is married to Englishman Dylan Wilk, 31, who shares the vision and values of his father-in-law.

Says Dylan of Tony: "He's been the biggest blessing in my life. For the first time I saw a man of true integrity and character who is completely incorruptible, who is truly anchored on God and that showed me what it is to be a true hero and a true man." Dylan sold all his luxury cars and donated the proceeds to GK.

Tony's daughters Wowie, 24, and Camille, 19, also dote on their father. "I'm his favorite!" exclaims Wowie, "because I am the good one in the family. I am not very independent like my Ate Anna, nor a rebel like my brother Jay, nor the *pa*-cute and charming type like Camille. I think of Papa like a teddy bear, truly huggable. It's Mama who is the *batas* (law) at home!"

Problem child

It would be the only boy, the third in the family, J. Antonio "Jay" Dizon Meloto III, who would become a problem child. "I joined a barkada and did not become a member of the Youth for Christ Community," says Jay. After going to San Beda for Computer Information Science which he finished at NIIT in Ortigas, 22-year-old Jay left for the US to work. While there, his father sent him video presentations of GK that made Jay tearful when he saw the organization's work being appreciated by both Filipinos and Americans. He came back for Christmas vacation and joined his father in Bicol to assess the damage wrought by the super typhoons. The visit affected him so much he opted not to return to the US. Today, Jay is Regional Coordinator of GK for Bicol.

"I don't get to show or tell him," says Jay of his father, "but he's my idol. I was his problem child but now he's like a friend. I even give him a high-five!"

It would be Frank Padilla's son, 30-year-old Xavy, who would express more succinctly the impact of Tony on the youth. "He is really like a second father to me and to all of us. My father was an influence on him and now he is an influence to me as well. Maybe I can be an influence to his children too!"

As Tony, with the help of multi-sectoral groups, corporations and media partners like ABS-CBN Foundation's Sagip Kapamilya, is slowly changing the slum culture and squatters landscape in the Philippines, support for GK also comes from Fil-Ams in the US. Frank Oteyza, 56, a mechanical engineer from Vancouver, Canada, has been helping GK since 2000 and sees in Tony more of a "living prophet. Whatever vision he had 10 years ago, this vision has been fulfilled in his eyes."

GK has even built 61 houses in the squatters' area of Tony's childhood, part of his 25th wedding anniversary gift to his hometown. "*Tapos na ako sa galit* (I'm way past my anger). Since I started working with the poor, I have learned to thank God for all my blessings. There was a point when the Lord asked me to love the children of the poor more than my own children." This aspect of Tony's life has not escaped those from the religious sector. "He is more priestly than other priests because of his unconditional trust in God's providence," says Fr. Jun Ranera, RCJ.

Tony knows that he won't ever get rich. "With a work motivated by love that brings out the best in people, I'm very rich! I have everything I need." Q

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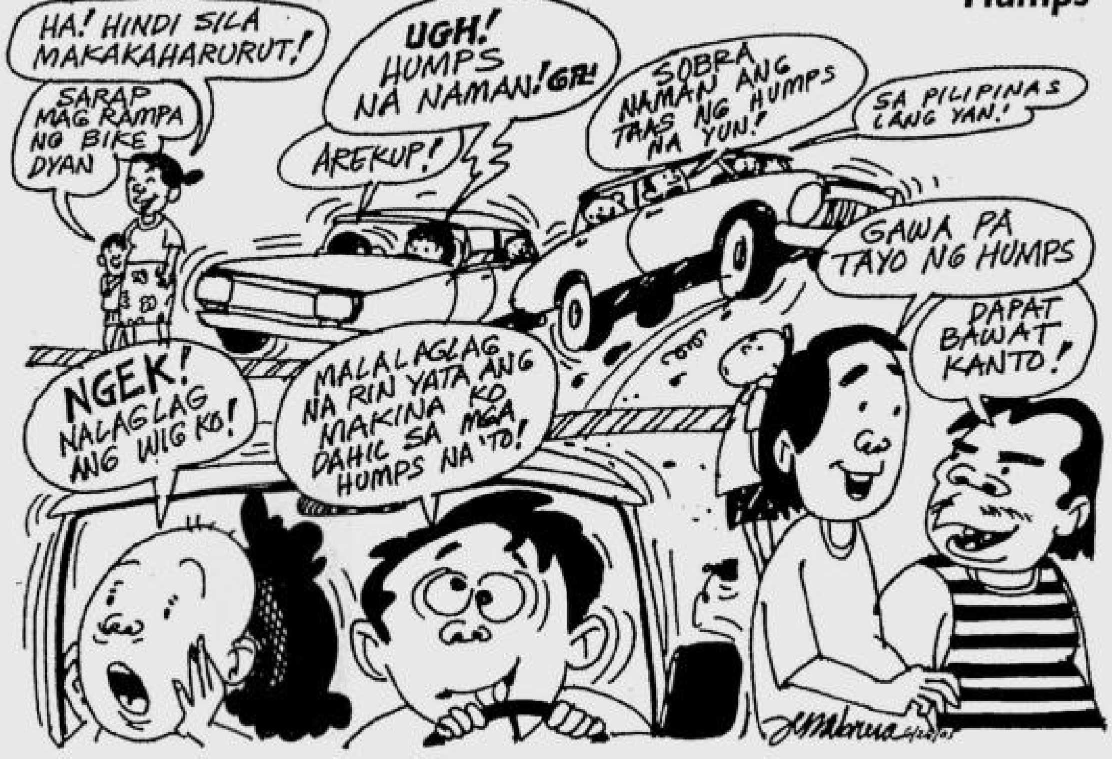
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This Englishman

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had come back too late and the scholarship was no longer available. Returning to France, Wilk worked at one company selling aquarium and pond products for three years, learning all he could about mail order businesses.

Private jets

Returning to England, Wilk worked the phones and started his own business called Gameplay from out his home, selling Xbox, PC, Nintendo and PlayStation titles via mail order. Arriving at the right time to capitalize on a worldwide boom in videogames, Gameplay went into hyper mode, soon worth millions of pounds, expanded into a TV channel and gaming websites, and went international. Wilk bought expensive cars, went to work via helicopter, hopped around Europe in a private jet.

After taking the company public, selling some of his stock and resigning as executive director, Wilk bought expensive cars and traveled the world. "I resigned because there had to be more to life. It had been three years since I could have had anything I wanted," he says. "But I realized there was something within me that was not satisfied by all of this. I began to understand the difference between pleasure and happiness." Lying in bed at the swank Beverly Hills Hotel, Wilk asked, "Lord, why am I rich? I realized it was a special life and there had to be a reason why I was so blessed with this. Then I started to look for a way out of the business and try to understand what God wanted me to do with the rest of my life."

Wilk liked playing Scrabble on the Internet, and it was online that he met Filipina Donna Rodil. The fact that Rodil considered English her second language surprised Wilk. "She would regularly beat me," he says. Striking up a friendship, Wilk met Rodil when she came to England for vacation. Wilk was surprised yet again when Rodil spoke of feeling guilty for spending money on a vacation when there were so many poor people in the Philippines in 2002. "She told me about Gawad Kalinga (GK)," he says. "I had traveled around the world looking at various work with the poor. I felt drawn to that; maybe it was guilt for having so much money. I became very disillusioned because all the programs I saw were either failing or I could never imagine they would make a difference." His business background gave him a feel for what could work and what wouldn't.

GK felt like it would work. A former member of Singles for Christ, Rodil explained what GK was and Wilk was intrigued. "I hadn't heard of anything like that before, holistic community development transforming an entire slum into a beautiful, peaceful community." On that hunch alone, Wilk flew to the Philippines to check it out. It would become the 1Up that would change his life.

It's almost eight in the evening yet the GK center in Ortigas is still fully lit, humming with people preparing for the upcoming GK conference. Wilk is as proud of his fellow volunteers, as he had been from the beginning.

Wanted: Heroes

Wilk originally intended to stay for 10 days, and upon arriving in Boracay, began desperately trying to get in touch with GK's Tony Meloto. On the last day, Meloto got back to Wilk. On a Sunday, Wilk took a cab from the Manila Hotel to the LRT station, took the train to Quezon Ave. to meet Meloto, who would take him to see the GK sites in Caloocan at 7 a.m. Asking questions and trying to figure out if GK was going to be sustainable, Wilk absorbed the scene. It made so much sense to him. "GK was quite honestly the first program I saw that convinced me it would work." Wilk asked how much money GK needed and Meloto told him it wasn't so much money but people they needed. "He told me they needed people to be heroes," Wilk says. "I think he was just being nice to me."

Going back to England, Wilk decided to send $100,000 and e-mailed Meloto to ask him where he should send it. Meloto told him that if he was really interested, he shouldn't just send money, but should come back and show the beneficiaries how he wanted them to use it. "I was thinking of a tangible sacrifice, something that would be a symbol statement of my commitment to this work." That's how he would up parting with his beloved M3, which he had just purchased a few weeks before traveling to the Philippines; the proceeds funded the construction of the Gawad Kalinga BMW M3 Village in San Jose del Monte Bulacan, a cluster of 63 houses and a school.

In April 2003, he flew back to the Philippines. "I came back for six weeks to help build that village and I'm still here," he says with a smile. "The more I saw GK, the more I was convinced this was something unique and if it's done on a big enough scale, it will transform poverty in this country." He thought about it hard and, instead of going home and starting up yet another business or live a life of leisure, decided to stay initially for six months and then for seven years, in line with GK's 777 program. That's GK's plan: building 700,000 homes for 7,000 communities in seven years.

Bayanihan

Wilk is now GK's International Partnerships Coordinator, who travels the world spreading the gospel of GK, speaking about the value of community—he loves the word "Bayanihan"—and of Filipinos everywhere pitching in to help the country, as GK now has branches in over 40 countries. "I spend about 50 percent of my time going to all these countries and trying to build this into a movement."

That's when one notices the pin. Wilk makes it the point to wear a pin of the Philippine flag on his lapel as a sign of his pride in Filipinos. When he travels, he consciously decides to wear T-shirts that have slogans like "*Bawat Pilipino Bayani* (every Filipino a hero)" on the shirt front. "When Filipinos see me on the street abroad, they do a double take and ask me if I understand what's on the shirt."

Indeed, Wilk does. He is impressed by the immense success of Filipinos abroad and rallies them to help make this country successful as well. "Filipinos are world class. Given the right environment, Filipinos can rise to the occasion."

And Wilk watches it all and wants to do more. He lives the lessons he preaches, living a simple life. Since selling the BMW, he has yet to own a car. He gets around via the MRT mostly. He lives humbly in Quezon City; he doesn't get any income from England. "Most of my money is now gone." And he doesn't mind at all, doesn't miss it at all. "When you're driven by your vision, you don't really have much spare time."

Wilk loves his life now—and his wife. He met Anna Meloto, Tony Meloto's daughter, in the course of GK work; he was smitten. "One of the things I love about the Philippines is the respect for things like courtship," he says. So he gave himself a moratorium of six months before courting her; he did everything the traditional way, even asking for her hand from Meloto first. She said yes, and they married in July last year; Anna is now carrying the couple's first child. "I want my children to be raised Filipino. I want them to be proud of their English side as well as their Filipino side. I see so much good in the Filipinos, yet you only hear about the negatives, not just in Gawad Kalinga but in many Filipinos I've met."

Wilk gets discouraged all the time, but he soldiers on. "It's impossible to live in Manila and not see the bad stuff. I see all of that. There's really so much difficulty. What gives me the continuing confidence is the results I see from GK."

In a life of continuing sacrifice and example, Dylan Wilk continues to make a stand. "I just decided last week to apply for Filipino citizenship," he says. "And I really think that God meant for me to get to this point in my life in this place." Q

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